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THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS---Second Session.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Numerous petitions were presented at the opening proceedings of the Senate to-day.

Mr. JONES, of Tenn., gave notice of a bill extending for three years the time for the collection of the duties on railroad iron imported by railroad companies.

Mr. SHIELDS' bills, introduced for the improvement of the Illinois River, and for the improvement of the harbors of Waukegan and Chicago, were referred.

Mr. BUTLER moved that the bill reorganizing the Judicial system of the United States be made the special order for January 2. Adopted.

Mr. SEWARD's joint resolution providing for the election of Chaplains of different denominations by the two Houses was taken up.

Mr. DODGE moved to strike out the words, "of different denominations." He looked upon those words as a blow at the present chaplain of the Senate, and a blow aimed at him because of his sentiments on that question which has divided the Methodist Church into North and South denominations. The House had elected a Methodist. To require the Senate to elect a man of a different denomination was to displace the present chaplain.

Mr. MASON said if the Senator from New-York had any object in this matter he should disclose it.

Mr. SEWARD disclaimed any such intention.

After some debate, Mr. STUART moved to amend the resolution by providing simply for the election of Chaplain to the Senate for the present session.

A debate ensued.

Mr. DODGE of Iowa said that when he fought a man, he did so openly and fairly, with hand to hand and eye to eye. He disclaimed a hidden warfare. He knew the motives dictating this warfare on the present Chaplain. Mr. SLICER had been denounced by the Abolition press all over the North as the paid tool, and minion, and hireling of the South. He had been denounced because he had offered up prayers for the preservation of the Union. It had been industriously circulated throughout the North that he had prayed for the passage of the Compromise measures of 1850. He hoped that the warfare which had originated on the floor of the Senate against Mr. SLICER, would, while centred on here, be an open one.

Mr. STUART's amendment was adopted.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of Chaplain, and the ballot resulted as follows:

Slicer, 24; Stanton, 9; Pyne, 1; Hodges, 2; Sunderland, 1; Boardman, 2. Mr. SLICER was declared elected.

The Senate then went into Executive session.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Mr. PECKHAM moved to reconsider the vote by which the House of yesterday passed the resolutions referring the various parts of the President's Message to appropriate Standing Committees. He confessed he was very much surprised at the very early disposition of the Message, when but one person had been heard regarding it. He wished to make some remarks on one part of it.

Its reconsideration was opposed by several of the members, when a motion was made to lay Mr. PECKHAM's motion on the table.

BILL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE ON OUR COAST.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the Senate bill for the better preservation of life and property on the Long Island and New-Jersey coasts. If this bill, he said, had been passed at the last session, hundreds of lives would have been saved.

Mr. SMITH of Va. moved the reference of the bill to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

Messrs. FULLER and SKELTON pressed early action upon it on the ground of economy and humanity.

Mr. CAMPBELL said he should like to know whether this bill came within that class of expenditure of which the Executive has already notified the House, that he intends to veto. There was, he said, a class of politicians on the floor who seem to forget that thousands of precious lives are annually destroyed on the Northern Lakes, and Western waters. He wanted consistent and uniform action.

Mr. SKELTON replied, he should vote for the protection of life and property on Northern Lakes and Western Waters, as cheerfully as on the New-Jersey Coast, if a bill for that purpose should meet his approval. He would raise his arm for the protection of human life everywhere without asking whether the people to be benefited are foreigners or native-born Americans.

Mr. CAMPBELL said, he had the gentleman would not talk about that; he would go as far as Mr. SKELTON would. He wished to know whether the gentleman last week voted for the River and Harbor bill, independent of the President's Veto.

Mr. SKELTON replied, he performed his duty here without reference to the President's views.

Mr. CAMPBELL—Did you vote for that bill last week?

Mr. SKELTON replied, he did not, not conceiving it a constitutional measure.

Mr. CAMPBELL said that was the point he now made. The answer would not satisfy men living on the mighty Mississippi.

Mr. SKELTON remarked that he last session voted for appropriations on the Lehigh.

Mr. CAMPBELL asked where the power in the Constitution is found for Lehigh, power also could be found for the improvement of Northern lakes and great rivers. A time is coming when these principles will be adopted here, independently of executive power and veto.

Mr. SMITH of Va., remarked he had no apprehension, when he moved to refer the bill to the Whole House of the Union, that the question would arise on to the Constitutional power to improve Rivers and Harbors; and hence it did not occur to him that the gentleman from Ohio would hover in the interests of consistency. He thought the gentleman had voted consistently in old days, and that it was driven out of the circle of politics by the overwhelming power. He repeated his view that by the 24th section of the Senate Bill, it would be referred on the Secretary of the Treasury, and therefore it should be considered in Committee.

Mr. SKELTON, in reply to a remark of Mr. SMITH, warmly denied that the New-Jersey people were plundered the victims of marine disaster. They were not pirates.

Mr. SMITH, of Va., hoped the Reporters would let the *gentleman's sentiments know that the remark was made for buncombe.*

Mr. SKELTON—I make no speeches for buncombe, but in behalf of humanity.

Mr. SMITH, of Va.—I made no charge of robbery or piracy, but stated what is generally true, as a proposition, that those folks who live on the sand beaches, where wreck and ruin come to them from the sea, have an extensive celebrity of taking care of themselves. I spoke of the people of New-Jersey as not being better than other people.

Mr. CHANDLER agreed with what was said by Mr. CAMPBELL relative to the protection of life and property on Northern lakes and Western rivers, but he would not prostrate protection on the Atlantic coast, which of late had become a Golgotha, demanding legislation in behalf of humanity.

Under the operation of the previous question, the bill was passed by—Yeas 126, Nays 45.

It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to establish additional stations along the Coast of Long Island, and New-Jersey, and change other stations with the view of giving effect to this Act. It likewise provides for the appointment of Keepers and General Superintendent.

FORGERY.

Mr. GREENWOOD offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee of the Judiciary to report a bill at an early day, providing punishment for the crime of forgery and the depredation of Mails belonging to the United States in the Indian Territory.

The House went into Committee on the Invalid Pension bill.

MR. WALLBRIDGE ON COAL.

Mr. WALLBRIDGE, of N. Y., said: If any apology were necessary for calling at this time the attention of the House to the resolution directing the Committee of Ways and Means to bring in a bill abolishing the duty on foreign coal, it must be found in the universal demand for this common necessary of life, and in the injustice and impracticability of that pernicious system of legislation, which seeks to hoard up by an indirect tax, moneys not actually required to carry on the Government, to the detriment of the commercial and business interests of the country. Although many eminent citizens predicted the inability of the greatly reduced tariff of 1846 to yield sufficient revenue to carry on successfully the fiscal affairs of the Government, their anticipations have not been realized, and to large have been our importations, even that tariff measure has filled our national Treasury to plethory, and led to an undue accumulation of the public money, drawn unnecessarily from the people, and locked up from circulation. So far as that tariff was an advance toward the Free Trade principle, it meets my unqualified commendation. It has vindicated the wisdom by which it was brought into existence. But we have arrived at a period in which we are threatened with a financial crisis. Indeed the great commercial cities of the Union are now suffering under heavy pecuniary disasters. In times of financial difficulty like the present, it is the duty of Congress to reduce the public expenses to the lowest point that will enable the Government to conduct the public business, and at the same time reduce the public taxes, by enlarging the free list of foreign imports, particularly in the necessaries of life, and where the burden of taxation falls heavily upon every branch of human industry, and comes home to every man's fireside. It is not my present intention to traverse this subject in its length and breadth, but I respectfully invite the attention of this House to one article in which the people I have the honor to represent are largely interested, in common with the whole country, and in regard to which the existing tariff should be immediately amended, and that by abolishing the duty on *foreign coal.* This is now one of the *necessaries of life.* It has become so within the last fifteen or twenty years. Previously, the fuel used in domestic affairs was timber, and the employment of coal for manufacturing purposes was inconsiderable. The advance in the mechanic arts, in motive power, by the universal application of steam on railways and ocean and inland navigation, has entirely changed our relations to this important article; in fact, has revolutionized the use in regard to it. Yet it stands on the statute book of 1846, in schedule C of the tariff of that year, as subject to an *ad valorem* duty of 30 per cent.—equivalent to 45 per cent (taking into count the cost of freight and charges) on its value in the country. This amendment continues, notwithstanding the annual consumption of coal in the United States has reached, at this period, about 10,000,000 of tons, the production of which, may be fairly estimated at from $8 to $9 a ton, at the mouth of producers. Nor is this preventive principle of legislation, repealing this great necessary of life of recent origin. In 1799 the tariff on coal per ton of 20 hundred was 16 cents, or 33 per cent on its value. Our importations that year were 2,850 tons. In 1820, under the compromise tariff of 1816, with a duty, say, of $1 40 per ton, we imported 50,073 tons. And under the tariff of 1st December, 1846, our importations during the last four years show an aggregate of 992,168 tons, valued according to a Treasury statement certified November 21, 1854, at $3,670,176, or, at a general average of four years, $3 70 per ton, and the aggregate duty paid on the same is $551,055 70. This demand for coal is still rapidly augmenting, having risen in the last fifty years from 15,000 tons per annum to an annual consumption of 10,000,000, and yet being continually on the increase. It is only within the last fifteen years, that the United States has become, strictly speaking, a coal producing country. A quarter of a century previous to that period there were not more than one thousand tons of anthracite coal annually produced in the whole Union; yet, in 1847, the increase alone had reached to more than one thousand tons per day, and has since increased, and is still increasing, almost in a compound ratio. The ability of the American producer to successfully compete with the foreign importer, even after the present protective restriction shall have been removed, is beyond question. Look at our superior facilities for the extraction and transportation of the article; the constantly increasing demand, and the extent of our coal-producing regions in comparison with those of Europe, and the British possessions on this continent. It is to be remembered that the Coal we import is mostly from Great Britain and her North American dependencies. The aggregate of square miles of the Coal-producing countries in Europe, viz., Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Spain in the Asiatic region, France, Belgium, Prussian dominions, Austrian provinces, and the British dependencies in North America, is 603,920 square miles—the Coal region of which embraces about 35,604 square miles, or a little more than one twenty-fourth part. The United States contain, exclusive of Texas, Oregon, and Washington, the last two abounding extensively in this mineral, some 3,250,000 square miles. The twelve Coal States, viz., Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Missouri, embrace an aggregate surface of 555,283 square miles, of which the Coal region covers 133,120 square miles, or nearly one-quarter of the entire area of these States, producing, in 1850, while yet in the infancy of this great staple, according to the census returns of that year, 5,049,054 tons. The annual coal produce of Great Britain proper, Belgium, France, Prussia, Austria, in Spain, in 1853, was within a fraction of fifty-one millions of tons. In that year Pennsylvania alone produced seven millions of tons, and Maryland more than half a million. The produce and consumption in the United States for 1854 may be safely estimated at ten millions of tons; yet, notwithstanding this article is so abundant in our country, and our facilities for its supply so great, the price has risen within the last year from thirty to fifty per cent, and within the last five years nearly one hundred per cent. With almost illimitable resources at home, the speaker could see no good reason for continuing the present excessive duty on coal, which should be a free article, and the earlier the foreign coal is brought into competition with our domestic the better it will certainly be for the consumer. Not a railway is made and equipped with engines and cars, nor a steamship constructed, but iron is required; and in the manufacture and in the material used for the propulsion of the various machineries. The growth of the iron manufacture and trade in the United States, intimately connected with the coal trade within the last forty years, is enormous. In 1816 we had one hundred and fifty-three furnaces, producing fifty-four thousand tons of pig iron. In 1845 we had five hundred and forty blast furnaces, averaging nine hundred tons each annually, yielding four hundred and eighty-six thousand tons, and nine hundred and fifty bloomeries, forges, rolling and splitting mills, yielding of her kind, &c., two hundred and ninety-one thousand six hundred tons, and of blooms, castings, machinery, and stove-plates, one hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred tons, making that year an aggregate of nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand one hundred tons of the value of $23,040,500. In 1853 the rapid increase in this class of manufacture was such as to yield much more than a million tons of pig iron. Some idea may be formed of the increasing demand for coal, by even a glance at the multiplied uses to which it is applied. We have now in active operation 20,000 miles of railway communication at a cost of 500 millions of dollars, and the system is advancing, stretching its arms, Briareus like, far and wide over the Union, in the ratio of the expansion of population and the growth of the country. The steam marine of the United States in 1853 was 1,300 vessels, with an aggregate of 417,300 tons, of which 95 were ocean steamers, 930 engaged in the coast trade, and 760 employed on inland navigation. Such has been the increase of our steam marine, that it would not be extravagant to estimate our steam marine for 1854, at 1,500 vessels, with an aggregate steam tonnage of 500,000 tons. When we reflect that coal is becoming, and to a great extent has become, an indispensable agent in every household—that it is indispensable in the machinery which fashions with artistic skill and elegance the implements used and necessary in every family—that it is equally needed and employed in the manufacture of farming utensils and tools in the purchase of which, and for all the items of national defence, is there any reason why there should be an expensive and unnecessary tax upon that which of necessity affects the interests of every citizen of the Republic? Every article, on which the existing tariff imposes, should be stricken off, and that the traffic of this important article should be opened to the freest competition.

THE COAL DEALERS COMBINATION.

Mr. RINGLER, of Pennsylvania, took occasion to deny the truth of the reports extensively published in newspapers, that Coal producers in Pennsylvania have combined to keep up the price of the article. The supply brought to the market over the Reading Railroad was twenty-five per cent higher this year than it was last year, the high prices are caused by the increased mining rates, and the costs of transportation on Railroad. He expressed his view in opposition to Free Trade.

Mr. WHITE thought the gentlemen from Pennsylvania, engaged in the Anthracite coal business, have been unjustly charged with combination for the purpose of keeping up prices. He thought the charge should more properly attach to New-Yorkers and Eastern men, who seek to bring the price of coal so low as to prevent miners from sending it to market.

Mr. STRAUB said that Mr. WALBRIDGE told the truth relative to the price of coal being raised, but forgot to add that every other necessary of life has been correspondingly increased. (Laughter.)

Mr. WALBRIDGE—Everything except Members of Congress. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. WHITE resumed, saying that the abolition of all duty on coal would not, under present circumstances, affect the price of the article.

Mr. HEISTER—I move the Committee rise.

Mr. JONES of Tenn.—I move the gentleman have leave to go to dinner.

The Committee rose.

The Invalid Pension bill was passed.

Mr. ROMAINE presented a memorial from the American Philosophical Society, asking an outfit to search for Dr. KANE's Arctic expedition.

House adjourned.

LATER FROM MEXICO, &c.

Progress of the Revolutionists—The Presidential Question—Reported Sale of Tiger Island to the United States.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 11.

The steamship *Orizaba* has arrived at this port with dates from Mexico to the 6th inst.

In an engagement at Moselias, Department of Michoacan, on the 24th November, the rebels were entirely routed, and three hundred of them killed.

Gen. RENAGARY, the Governor of the Province, who commanded the Government forces, was also killed.

The election as to whether SANTA ANNA should continue President of the Republic was progressing. He had issued a decree making it compulsory for Government employés to vote, under a penalty of dismissal from office in the event of a refusal.

The revolution appears to be gaining ground, notwithstanding the above-mentioned reverse.

It is said that the Government of Honduras has agreed to sell Tiger Island to the United States for the sum of $20,000; the ownership of the Island is, however, disputed by the Government of Salvador.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

One hundred and sixty of the compatriots of Count BOULBON have been released by the order of SANTA ANNA, as a mark of esteem to the Emperor of France.

Five Civil Judges had been suspended from their offices in consequence of having made disrespectful communications to the President.

The plague was making great ravages in the interior cities.

The cities of Mexico and Vera Cruz have voted almost unanimously in favor of continuing SANTA ANNA as President.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Fifteen or Twenty Dwellings in Ruins.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The extensive Chandelier and Gas Fixtures manufactory of Messrs. CORNELIUS & Co., on Cherry-street, above Eighth, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning, together with some fifteen adjoining buildings and numerous stables, &c. The loss is heavy. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

The factory was built in the form of the letter U, 132 by 60 feet, and five stories high. It was used as a finishing shop, and gave employment to 400 workmen. There was an immense amount of finished work in the building ready for shipment, valued at about $150,000.

The building cost $50,000; and the whole amount insured is $137,500, divided among our various city offices. The eastern wall fell down, crushing several small dwellings on Raspberry-alley, but the fire having previously spread to them they were fortunately vacated. Besides these, a large number of buildings on Mint-court, in the rear of the factory, half a dozen large buildings on the opposite side of Cherry-street, and several stables were also consumed.

About a dozen dwellings and stores on Eighth-street, above and below Cherry-street, were seriously damaged.

It is supposed about fifty families were rendered houseless.

Messrs. CORNELIUS have two other establishments in other locations. One of them contains machinery, models, &c., and room for 1,000 workmen, so that the men turned out by the fire can be immediately set to work there, to finish work for supplying orders now on hand.

Two watchmen were in the building when the fire broke out, but its origin has not yet been ascertained.

The Central Presbyterian Church, on Eighth and Cherry-streets, was in great danger, but thanks to the exertions of the firemen, sustained but slight injury.

The weather during the morning was exceedingly cold, and the water froze as fast as it fell, thus making the sidewalks in the vicinity slippery and dangerous, and interfering seriously with the operations of the firemen.

An immense crowd of lookers-on obstructed the movements of the workers, while in many cases the brakes of the engines were not half manned. We did not see any exertions made by the police to enforce the wholesome regulation of keeping the crowd away from the immediate vicinity of the fire.

Early in the morning, numbers of prowling thieves were about the neighborhood, stealing everything they could lay their hands upon, and conveniently carry away. The excitement attending such a scene offers great facilities to idle vagabonds and vagrant thieves to steal.

The importance of battlement walls was fully demonstrated at this fire. In several instances the progress of the flames was effectually stayed by the presence of parapet walls.

The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery; one of the watchmen employed in the factory went through the building at 4 o'clock, and found everything safe—an hour later and the building was in flames in every part. There was no fire used in that part of the building where the flames were first seen.

The building was heated by steam, which was generated in two boilers in a building entirely distinct from the factory.

The total loss by this conflagration cannot be far short of $175,000. It is impossible at this time to estimate the amount of insurance on this large sum. But from the best information we can obtain, we incline to the opinion that it will cover a very considerable portion of the loss sustained.

NINE o'CLOCK, P. M.—Is all forty-seven buildings were destroyed and damaged by the fire in this city this morning.

Fire at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

About 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the kitchen part of the United States Hotel in this city, and it being of wood it was mostly consumed. The hotel building itself escaped with but very little injury. The large barn and livery stable adjoining it, occupied by *A. E. CLAPP*, were entirely destroyed. His horses and carriages were saved, but his stock of hay and grain and a quantity of his harness were consumed. The surrounding property was in great danger, and is slightly injured, but was saved through the exertions of the firemen. The loss has not yet been ascertained, and is but partly insured.

Reported Destruction of the Lanmann House by Fire.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

It is reported here that the Lanmann House, at Portage Falls, was entirely consumed by fire this evening. We have not yet learned the full particulars.

The Wilkesbarre Fugitive Slave Case.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The case growing out of the arrest of the officers engaged in the attempted capture of BILL THOMAS, an alleged fugitive slave, at Wilkesbarre, last year, was before the Supreme Court this morning, and Chief Justice LEWIS gave the decision of the Court. It will be remembered that the officers engaged in the attempt to capture the slave were arrested on a bill of indictment found by the Court of Luzerne County, for assault and attempt to kill, but that Judge KANE, of the U. S. District Court, discharged them. They were rearrested by order of the Supreme Court, and while in the custody of the Sheriff were taken before the United States Circuit Court on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and on hearing the testimony Judge GRIER ordered the Sheriff to discharge them. He obeyed the mandate. The present action was for an attachment against the Sheriff for contempt of Court. The decision declares that the United States Circuit Court had no jurisdiction, and that the Sheriff was guilty of contempt in obeying the order for the release of the officers, but as he acted through ignorance the attachment is not granted.

Supreme Court of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

JAMES HUGHES of Wisconsin, was admitted as a Counsellor in the Supreme Court of this City to-day. The case of BATTINE vs. JAMES TAGGART is still on. Mr. DALLAS has concluded his argument for the plaintiffs.

Defeat of the Know-Nothings at Newburyport—Fire.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

In the municipal election at Newburyport yesterday the Know-Nothings were completely routed. MOSES DAVENPORT, the "People's Candidate," was elected Mayor; also a majority of the City Council on the same ticket.

The cotton mill of WILLIAM H. CARY, at Medway Village, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Loss $14,000.

Another Know-Nothing Victory in Massachusetts.

LOWELL, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The entire Know-Nothing ticket for municipal officers in this city was elected yesterday by a tremendous majority. The vote for Mayor stood: LAWRENCE, Know-Nothing, 3,651; all others, 469.

Election of Governor in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, (S. C.,) Monday, Dec. 11.

General J. H. ADAMS was elected Governor of South Carolina to-day.

Canadian Affairs.

MONTREAL, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Canadian Ministry have just announced that the adjournment of Parliament will take place on Friday next.

Lord ELGIN will give his assent to the bills for the secularization of the clergy reserves, and for the abolishing of the feudal tenure, and immediately afterwards resign in favor of his successor, Sir EDMUND HEAD. His Lordship is expected to leave America by the steamer *Arabia*, which is to sail from New-York on the 27th of December.

TORONTO, MONDAY, Dec. 11.

The weather here has moderated considerably for the last day or two. The Niagara and Hamilton boats are now running again. There is but little doing in Flour, the demand being chiefly for retail at 27s. 6d.@28s. 9d.; Wheat is 7s. 6d., with but little arriving.

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 11.

A horse-stealer, who gave the name of BARNABAS BEBB, was arrested here last night by the head Constable of Cobourg and lodged in jail. He had stolen a pair of horses from the township of Ferry.

ST. CATHARINES, Monday, Dec. 11.

The schooner *Minerva* is ashore near Niagara.

Passage of the Reciprocity Bill in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, (N. S.,) Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Reciprocity bill passed yesterday in the Legislative Assembly by a vote of 32 to 10.

Loss of the Bruce Mine Steamer—Robbery.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The *Bruce Mine* steamer, belonging to the Montreal Mining Company, has been totally lost on the Upper Lakes. She had a valuable cargo on board, in which was included a large quantity of gunpowder for the mines. Her crew and passengers were saved.

The gang of murderers and robbers who have committed so many crimes lately in Canada, recently broke into a house at Galt, (C. W.,) and robbed it of a quantity of gold and money.

A traveler on the road was fired upon the same day, and it was supposed by the same gang.

Arrival of the Southern Mail—Loss of Soldiers, Withers & Co.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

By the arrival of the Southern mail as late as due, we have received New-Orleans papers of Wednesday, but they contain nothing of importance.

The Richmond *Whig* says it is currently reported that the debt of SELDEN, WITHERS, & Co., to the State of Virginia, is very large—some estimating it as high as five hundred thousand dollars.

Southern Mail Failure.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

We are again without any mail south of Washington this morning.

Extensive Swindling.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

A man named WILLIAM MARWIN went to Ontonagon, Lake Superior, in August last, and started in the provision business, pretending to have contracts for supplying the mines, on the strength of which he drew large drafts on ADAMS' California Express, and the Ridge, Corten, Austin, West Minnesota and Siewaunee Mines, which he got cashed. On the 16th ult., MARWIN slipped over to Canada, when the drafts were discovered to be forgeries. Transactions to the amount of over $50,000 have already been discovered.

Counterfeit Bills.

PETERSBURG, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Counterfeit bills on the Ontoc Bank, of this city, are in extensive circulation.

Navigation on Lake Erie.

CLEVELAND, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Five propellers loaded with 3,000 tons of goods for Detroit, are frozen in here, and the propeller *Bates*, which left for Detroit this morning, has been obliged to return. She reports solid ice as far as could be seen from the mast-head, at Fort-Independence.

Arrival of the Knoxville at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The steamship *Knoxville*, arrived here to-day, in sixty hours from New-York, with all on board well.

Philadelphia Stock Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Our Stock Market was dull this morning at the following rates: Reading R.R., 33¾; Morris Canal, 11¼; Long Island R.R., 12¼; Pennsylvania R.R., 46¾; Pennsylvania State fives, 60.

The Money Market is a trifle easier.

Markets by Telegraph.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

FLOUR—There is only a moderate demand for Flour, and sales are limited to $7.5 bbl. choice Ohio, at $6 62½. The stock in store is very small.

WHEAT—Wheat is in moderate milling demand, with sales of 250 bushels red Indiana, at $1 70, and 200 prime Chicago, at $1 56, and 5,000 bushels Wisconsin.

CORN—Corn is quiet and nominal, at 70c.

RYE—Rye is firm: sales 1,000 bushels, at $1 13.

BARLEY—Barley is held at $1 12.

OATS—Oats are selling at 41c.

WHISKY—Whisky is quiet and steady. Sales 25 bbls. at 27½c.

There were no arrivals by Lake to-day.

CHARLESTON, Monday, Dec. 11.

Our market for COTTON to-day has been quite unsettled and irregular, prices generally being quoted ¼c. lower. The sales were 1,300 bales at a range of 6½c.@9c.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The sales of COTTON to-day were 2,100 bales, at prices ranging from 6½c. to 8½c. The market is easier but not quotably lower.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 11.

The prices of COTTON are easier, but not quotably lower. Sales to-day 7,000 bales. The receipts were 19,609 bales. SUGAR has declined to 7½@9½c. NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The COTTON market is without change. Sales to-day, 7,500 bales. SUGAR has declined ¼c. @ ½c. NEW LARD is selling at 9½c.

STERLING EXCHANGE is quoted at 9½@9¾ ⅌ cent. premium.

Palmerston and Napoleon—Prospects of a European War.

From the Washington Star, Dec. 11.

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM EUROPE.—The *Union's* mails brought a letter from a distinguished Frenchman to a gentleman in this city, from which we make the following extract, premising it with the assurance that the writer's position and means of knowing the secrets of State affairs in Paris are equal to those of any man in that capital:

PARIS, Nov. 30, P. M., 1854.

Lord PALMERSTON and Louis NAPOLEON have been almost inseparable since the former alighted at the Hotel Windsor. Their interviews have resulted in a decision to unfurl the standard of Poland, Hungarian and Italian nationality, if Prussia and Austria hesitate longer to declare unequivocally against the Czar. The probability is, that neither the one nor the other will consent to do this; in which case all Europe will be in arms before Spring.

As relates to the American continent, you may be assured that France and England have no intention whatever of attempting to regulate the "Balance of Power" there. It would be a blessing to each if you would purchase Cuba, and pay for it; a fair consideration in cash. All the money in your sub-treasury will be needed on the continent before the restoration of peace. If Russia will not sell, she will find no sympathy on this side of the Atlantic in the existing state of affairs, if you be driven by necessity to take possession of the Island. Whatever you may hear to the contrary, America is strong, overwhelmingly strong, in France. Do you want better evidence of this than the revocation of the order for Mr. SOULE's expulsion. The Emperor never revoked an order before. Never did the Rising sun of liberty in the Western hemisphere shine so brightly upon the Eastern one as at present.

NEW-YORK CITY.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Dec. 9, 1854.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

GENTLEMEN: At the instance of Mr. G. H. PENFIELD, I had an interview with Capt. CHURTOCK on board the steamship *Baltic* this morning, and on my showing him the article that appeared in the *Journal of Commerce* of this day's issue, he manifested much astonishment, and assured me, (in the presence of another gentleman,) that such a statement regarding the India Rubber floats was altogether unauthorized by him; and that he was, until then, entirely ignorant of such appearing before the public. On making further inquiry, I ascertained from one of the officers that a large quantity of *cork* fenders, not India Rubber floats, were sent on shore in a most dilapidated condition, the canvas being so rotten that the cork was dropping out from several places. The officer very politely accompanied me on shore, and pointed them out. I presume, therefore, as an act of justice, you will cheerfully assent to the publication of the following facts, viz.: That it was the cork fenders and not the India Rubber floats, "that were sent on shore as worthless;" that the cork fenders are furnished by, or through, the *Iron Life-Boat Company*, as an appendage to their boats; and the Rubber floats by Mr. G. H. PENFIELD, No. 29 Nassau-street, New-York; that the Stanton life-boat has never been known to capsize in a sea-way, as the iron life-boats have on several occasions, thereby losing many valuable lives; that the compass may be depended upon in the Stanton life-boat, but cannot be trusted in the iron life-boat; that the Government life-car, (invented by Capt. D. OTTINGER, U. S. R. M.,) was never designed by him to be without the application of the Stanton rubber floats, and that lashing this appendage, it was capsized over and over again several times, during the rescue of the sufferers from the *Uncle Sam*; that at the barge office, Whitehall, there are two metal life-boats, one which (of copper) was provided at a cost of about fifteen hundred dollars, and paid for out of the National Treasury, that are not used, the ordinary wooden boat being preferred; that another fifteen hundred dollar boat was sent on shore (with one of the tanks full of water) from the revenue cutter *Taney*; that at several of our Navy-yards quite a considerable number of life-boats have been left on shore by ships of war was an insufficiency; that the Jersey boatmen complained very bitterly against them during the recent disaster of the *New Era*; that the whole of the life-boats belonging to the Massachusetts Humane Society (about forty in number) are fitted with the "Stanton" rubber floats; and after five years' service have been reported in perfect order, and in no one instance has any defect occurred in the manufacture, but such defect has been cheerfully remedied free of cost, by Mr. PENFIELD. In submitting these facts, I trust they will meet with the attention they merit from the Government at Washington, and that in future the selection of life-boats, and all other appliances for saving life, shall alone depend on their just merits and the result of a practical demonstration, to which they should all, without exception, be subjected, in the presence of a competent and disinterested committee, deputed by the Government for that specific purpose.

I am, Sir, &c., JOHN W. BENNETT,
Agent for the "Stanton" Life-Boats.

(Communicated.)

Dr. Sanford's Treatment of Diseases of the Lungs.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Having become acquainted with Dr. SANFORD's system of treating Diseases of the Lungs and air passages, by inhaling "Medicated Vapors," and being convinced that his science is effecting cures far beyond that of the old system, I have, as a matter of duty, thus publicly given my testimony to its favor. What my eyes *see I cannot doubt.* In regard to Dr. SANFORD's system of Inhalation, it is entirely new, so far as I am acquainted, to the medical profession, and differs widely from the old hot water system, which has been used in this country and in Europe for many years. Things and views have certainly changed upon the treatment of Lung Diseases. A few years since patients were kept upon a *low space diet*—confined to sleep in the hottest ward, bleeded, and confined to excitement every hour or two, were suffering, dwindling away. No wonder some died, I find that Dr. SANFORD requires his patients to eat the most nourishing food, drink fifty of brandy to some other form of alcoholic spirits; and then patients are never given any drug into the stomach. I have so much confidence in his treatment, that I, as a physician who have seen much practice, would advise all who are afflicted in the manner, to any disease of the lungs or throat, to give him a trial, and I think they will be fully convinced, as I have been, of its superior efficacy. Dr. SANFORD can be consulted daily, at the New-York Lung Institute, No. 4 Rondwayne.

JAMES L. DUNCAN, M. D.
Clarendon Hotel.

Rochester, Roseda, State.

ALL STILL NO PARADOX—Notwithstanding all the arrangements contained in their present for the convenience of their patrons, Messrs. HEARD, GRAFF & Co., of No. 301 Grand-street, are obliged to acknowledge their inability to supply the demands of purchasers. The unremitting (unknown) increment on the ever-growing of the stores in the aforesaid, might be partially avoided to the satisfaction of the young therein, by a morning visit. Grateful for the flattering favors, they have no reason, but sincerely hope make the suggestion for the benefit of those interested. In the meantime, they will continue as they ever have, to use the utmost exertion with their limited facilities, for the accommodation of all. Their indebtedness to this dense mass is unknown, but the time for discharging their business is drawing to a close.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY!—PHOTOGRAPHIC OIL PAINTINGS ON CANVAS.—The undersigned have just obtained their new process for taking photographic impressions on canvas, and are now prepared to take them in this City. The correctness of delineation and beauty of these paintings, which are produced with two short sittings and at a trifling expense, can only be fully appreciated by exhibition. Parties the also portraits made by this process from daguerreotypes of deceased persons. Our other various styles of colored Parisian photographs taken as usual, and at no other establishment in America. J. GURNEY & C. D. FREDRICKS, No. 46 Rue Bonne de Bonapart, Paris, and No. 349 Broadway, New-York.

Young men, before engaging in a life pursuit, should obtain a Phrenological Examination, which would discover their real capabilities, point out their resources, and direct them how to insure success, usefulness and happiness. Examinations by Professor FOWLER, No 308 Broadway.

GAS FIXTURES!! GAS FIXTURES!!!—Of splendid design and finish, and twenty per cent. cheaper than any other house, wholesale and retail, at the manufactory of JAMES G. MOYES, Nos. 110 and 112 Prince-street, third block West of Broadway.

BROKEN BANKS.—PRESENT VALUE—Government Stock taken at 90 cents; Bridgeton, 66; Wheat Growers, 60; Lewis County, 40; Washington, 40; Indiana Banks, 90; Empire City, 90—at EVANS' Clothing Warehouse, Nos. 66 and 68 Fulton-street.

Mr. JOHN R. SCOTT, the distinguished American Tragedian, appears as Michael, in "The Adopted Child," both this afternoon and this evening, at Barnum's Museum.

LONG ISLAND.

Death of an Old Citizen.

JOSEPH SPRAGUE, of Brooklyn, expired at his residence in Adelphi-street, near Myrtle-avenue, on Monday night last, after a somewhat protracted illness; aged 72. Mr. SPRAGUE was one of the early settlers in Brooklyn, and spent the most active portion of his life engaged in her welfare. Possessed of a competence at an early age, which he obtained through his own industry, he passed the evening of his life in the liberal exercise of those benevolent qualities for which he was so much esteemed and distinguished. To the poor he was always a friend. In mid-life he took a deep interest in the then village of Brooklyn. In 1825 he was elected one of the Village Trustees, and in 1827 he was elected President of the village, and was reelected to that office in 1828, 1829, 1830, and 1831, and was succeeded in 1832 by the present Mayor elect, Hon. GEORGE HALL.

In 1842, Brooklyn having previously (1834,) obtained a

THE BRITISH COMMANDERS.

Brief Notices of the Leading Commanders in the War with Russia.

SIR CHARLES NAPIER.

The commander of the Baltic fleet bears a name and belongs to a family likely to fill an emblazoned page in the military annals of England. Descended from a long line of soldiers, Sir C. NAPIER is cousin of the more celebrated Sir CHARLES who conquered Scinde, and who, at the special request of the Duke of WELLINGTON, undertook the command of the army in India on the recall of Lord GOUGH. Another cousin, General NAPIER, is the celebrated historian of the "Peninsular War," equally distinguished in literature and arms. And Sir CHARLES has a brother a Major-General on the staff of the northern district of England, also of distinguished service. Scotland and Ireland both claim the NAPIERS as children of their soil, but at a banquet given in Dublin to the hero of Scinde on his return from India, he assigned to Ireland the distinction of being their parent land. Sir C. NAPIER entered the Navy at an early age, and has borne in every ship in which he served the character of a good officer and sailor. It was not, however, until the Portuguese War that his name became distinguished. The deeds of personal daring ascribed to him there immediately made "old CHARLES" to be looked on as the representative and type of that reckless valor which is considered as the characteristic of the British sailor. Among other feats, it was related by Lord PALMERSTON at the Reform Club banquet, that having boarded a vessel of the enemy in company with only one sailor, instead of striking one of the enemies from whose cutlass he had narrowly escaped, he disarmed him and coolly kicked him *a la mode Anglaise* down the hold. Those who know Sir C. NAPIER best throw considerable doubts on these stories, and are more apt to give him credit for the opposite virtue of *discretion*, of which he has been lately affording so lengthened an example. But, be this as it may, Sir CHARLES on his return endeavored to sustain the character ascribed to him by an ostentatious affectation of the genuine "British Tar." He dressed with a careless looseness, chewed his tobacco, drank his grog, and rolled rather than walked down Pall Mall, with an air of reckless jollity which went straight home to the heart of John Bull. Offering himself as a candidate for the borough of Marylebone about this time, he was escorted to the polls by fleets of miniature ships and hosts of counterfeit sailors; and without being asked any questions, was triumphantly borne in on the shoulders of the people, simply *on the sailing ticket*. His next sphere of action was in the East, where he was appointed second in command to Sir R. STOPFORD, and there took a distinguished part in the bombardment of Acre and in all the operations of that war, but Sir R. STOPFORD finding it impossible to render him tractable to command, he was ordered home, and was only saved by popular affection and his reputation for daring from being tried for insubordination. Though unceasing in his importunities for a command, he was not employed from that period save for a very short time over the Channel fleet, until his being sent last Spring to the Baltic. The public never apply the microscope to the actions of great men, or make allowance for difficulties. With them "*rien ne reussit bien que le succes.*" It would be idle to deny that the inaction of the fleet under his command has shorn Sir C. NAPIER of much of his reputation, and creates vast disappointment in *the public mind. But Sir C. NAPIER has* himself largely to thank for this feeling. Had there been, previous to his departure, less vain and empty boasting, and more of that moderation which is ever the accompaniment of true valor, the public would not have indulged such unreasonable hopes, and consequently not have felt so great a revulsion. While in the House of Commons, Sir C. NAPIER seldom spoke, but always voted with the extreme radical section, led by JOSEPH HUME. Naval questions alone inspired his oratorical powers. On the estimates he always spoke, and often afforded the House considerable amusement. We remember once, in speaking of "the Queen," the flagship in the Black Sea, and which has since fully justified his commendations, he convulsed the House "by defying any one to show a stern equal to the Queen's." On another occasion one of the gay young wags of the House sent Sir CHARLES a letter written in imitation of the hand and supposed to be signed by Lord MURRO, then First Lord of the Admiralty, mentioning that observations had been made reflecting on the slovenly appearance of the supporters of Government as compared with that of the Opposition, and that Sir CHARLES' hat, (always a shocking bad one,) had been especially marked out for censure and ridicule. Sir CHARLES, who was at the moment looking for a command, and particularly anxious to cultivate Lord MURRO's good graces, immediately proceeded to the London Genie of the day, purchased a new hat, and made his way to the Admiralty to exhibit his attention to Lord MURRO's wishes, and receive the expected commendation. In vain he turned and twisted his new purchase before Lord MURRO's eyes; at last he broke out with "Damme, I have gone to the expense of a new hat for you—have you not a word to say?" It was only on his being received on his coming out with a burst of laughter by a party of lounkers, who had assembled to enjoy the joke, that he became aware of the hoax to which he had been subjected. Sir CHARLES was highly unpopular in the House, principally some of those numerous quarrels which belong to the British sailors, being slovenly in person, selfish in disposition, and mean and penurious to the last degree. He must now be over sixty years of age, but though his hair and whiskers, which he wears closely cropped, are gray, and his body bent, he walks with a firm step, and appears in full vigor. He stands about five feet eight. His features are broad and massive, and he always wears a bluff sailorly look.

ADMIRAL DUNDAS.

The commander of the fleet in the Black Sea presents a striking contrast to his Baltic compeer. Admiral DUNDAS has no services and little reputation to point to. He is a *political* sailor, and owes his elevation and present appointment solely to his aristocratic connection and family influence. He was appointed to the command of the Mediterranean previous to even the anticipation of a rupture with Russia, and could not well since have been superseded in command. However, whatever may be his capacity to command the fleet at such a moment, there can be no question as to the courage, high honor and gallant bearing of Admiral DUNDAS. He belongs to the family of Lord MELVILLE, celebrated in Scotland for the large amount of patronage they have always enjoyed, and has sat for a long period as member for Greenwich, occupying officerly all the time a seat at the Board of Admiralty under the administration of the Whigs, to which party he belongs. He was personally extremely popular, addicted to the pleasures of the table, and full of bonhommie. He is about the same age as Sir C. NAPIER, but more infirm.

LORD RAGLAN.

Lord RAGLAN, who commands the British arm of the allied forces, has been long and better known as Lord FITZROY SOMERSET, brother of *the late, and uncle of the present* Duke of BEAUFORT, who is now serving on his staff in the East. He early obtained a commission in the Guards, and on the breaking out of the war in the Peninsula, joined the army of the Duke of WELLINGTON, by whom he was shortly appointed aid-de-camp. In that capacity he served throughout the whole war, taking part in every engagement, and exhibiting in all soldier-like ability, combined with fearless courage. He was twice severely wounded, and lost his right arm at Waterloo. When after that great engagement the curtain fell upon the wars of Europe, Lord FITZROY SOMERSET, on his return, was appointed to the important post of Military Secretary, which he filled uninterruptedly during the reign of the several Commanders-in-Chief, down to the death of the Duke of WELLINGTON. Upon the death of the Duke the command-in-chief, much, it is stated, to the disappointment of Lord FITZROY SOMERSET, was conferred on Lord HARDINGE, and Lord FITZROY being unwilling to serve under an officer of similar standing to himself, was appointed Master General of the Ordnance, with a peerage which *he* assumed under his present title of Lord RAGLAN. During the long reign of Lord HILL, and the subsequent one of the Duke of WELLINGTON, at the Horse Guards, Lord F. SOMERSET, owing to the age of these veterans and the confidence reposed in him, though acting as Military Secretary, was *virtually* Commander-in-Chief, and in an office where so much tact and delicacy of management was required, contrived during that long period to win and retain the respect and affection of the whole British army. Lord RAGLAN may not be a great military genius, for such the English system does not admit, but he undoubtedly possesses a very high order of mind, combining sound judgment, fearless courage, and an inflexible sense of justice, no ordinary qualities for command. The Duke of WELLINGTON entertained so high an opinion of him as to give expression to a prediction, thrice to be valued as coming from so cold and rarely *eulogistic* a nature, "that he would yet be an honor to his country." Lord RAGLAN is a nobleman of ordinary, one might almost say vulgar presence, but this is completely redeemed by a manner most gentle and courtly, and a disposition singularly kind. He is yet in full vigor, his light brown hair not owning a solitary tinge of gray, and his whole appearance exhibiting activity and animation.

THE EARL OF LUCAN.

The Earl of LUCAN, who commands the British cavalry, is an Irish nobleman and Lord-Lieutenant of Mayo, in which county he possesses large estates. He served as Lord BIRGHAM during the lifetime of his father, in the 17th Lancers, in which he attained the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. During this period he married the sister of Lord CARDIGAN, now serving under him as Brigadier of light cavalry, and on his accession to the title he retired on half pay. He was brought very prominently before the public during the Irish famine by his repeated conflicts with the *Times* newspaper, his strenuous opposition to the repayment of the loans advanced for public works, and the fearful inhumanity with which he exterminated the peasantry from his estates during that awful period. In this war of extermination he acquired the title of chief of the crow-bar brigade, and it is asserted he did not leave a solitary hut standing on his vast estates. He has since signally failed in introducing Scotch and English tenants, the object for which this devastation was said to have been made, and he was represented as being on his appointment to the East in deep embarrassments. Never having seen any service, the public were much surprised at his appointment to so important a command, a feeling which recent accounts from the East will not tend to diminish. Lord LUCAN, like his brother-in-law Lord CARDIGAN, is of a rash, ungovernable temper. In stature he is over six feet, bald but with singularly handsome features, and wears a noble and commanding presence.

NAVAL.—We learn that the United States steamship Fulton, Lieutenant SEVERNIA, commanding, which has been for some months at the Washington Navy-Yard undergoing repairs, will proceed to Norfolk, on Friday or Saturday, preparatory to her departure on a distant service. (Washington Globe, Tuesday.

THE EASTERN WAR.

THE SEIGE OF SEBASTOPOL.

Details and Incidents of the Seige—Its Progress and Condition.

From the Correspondent of the London Times.

CAMP BEFORE SEBASTOPOL, Oct. 28.

After the dispatch of my letter to-day, I learned that Capt. FELLOWES, aide-de-camp, had been sent in with a flag of truce to the Russian camp on the Tchernaya, to ascertain the particulars of our loss and to communicate with our wounded and captive officers, if the Russians would allow him to do so. Somewhat injudiciously, perhaps, he was also authorized to demand permission that we might bury the dead who might have been left in front of the Russian lines. It was imagined that the enemy had not performed this duty, as many bodies could be seen lying unburied on the field, and it is not certain that those who fancied they saw those bodies were not quite right. Capt. FELLOWES went in, attended by a trumpeter, with a flag of truce, and Mr MANASTON, an Armenian, attached as interpreter to the head-quarters staff. The trumpeter blew a blast from time to time as he rode on, and when the little party approached the lines of the Russians, and passed through the fatal field where so many of our poor fellows had been mowed down by the deadly artillery of the enemy, two Russian officers, accompanied by two Cossack Lancers, rode forward to meet them. The Russians, both of whom spoke French, asked what the object of the flag of truce was. They were told that Lord RAGLAN had sent in to ascertain what officers of our cavalry were alive in the hands of the Russians, and to receive any letters they might be allowed to forward to their countrymen. One of the Russian officers said, "You will be good enough to turn round, for you cannot approach our camp so near. This is an affair for the General to deal with, and I shall communicate with him." *He rode away*, and the remaining Russian and his two Cossacks, having seen that the English officer and his followers turned round so as to have their backs to the camp, begged of them to advance still further, so as to recede from the Russian lines, and then accompanied them slowly back with his Cossacks, watching carefully that none of the party moved his head over his shoulder. They saw as they rode back that some of the dead horses had had large pieces cut out of them to furnish food for the Cossacks. Indeed that is not wonderful, as the Zouaves, in some instances, have cut choice steaks of horseflesh from the bodies of the fatter quadrupeds killed in action, and they pronounce them to be excellent.

In a few moments, an elderly officer, accompanied by a small staff, and attended by the Russian who had ridden to seek him, rode towards their flank, and in a gruff, harsh voice, exclaimed, "*Je suis le général en chef ici; que voulez vous de moi, Messieurs?*" It is supposed that he announced his position in order to prevent Capt. FELLOWES asking his name, or demanding information as to the title of the person who addressed him. Capt. FELLOWES explained the object of his mission, and when he came to the portion of his message referring to the permission for burying the dead, the Russian General, in a tone of great indignation, exclaimed, "We *have* buried the dead. Tell my Lord RAGLAN that we are Christians, and, though we make war, we perform all the duties of Christians! The dead are buried. The wounded are taken care of." The Russian General then received two letters, supposed to contain money and keys, which Capt. FELLOWES had been charged with from two Russian officers in our hands. He took out his glasses to read the direction, and, as he did so, for the first time he deigned to bestow a quick, sharp glance over the rim at the officer who addressed him. Finally, he declared he did not know the names of the officers in the hands of his troops, but said that if Captain FELLOWES returned to-morrow he would communicate with him—that he would ascertain their names, and would have any letters they might wish to transmit conveyed to him for delivery. His tone became more courteous towards the close of the interview, and, as Capt. FELLOWES retired, the General said, "*Vous m'excuserez si je vous dise que votre attaque de 25me était une attaque très, puisque selon le loi militaire,*" or words to that effect. Capt. FELLOWES bowed and retired. We hear there are only three officers of ours alive in their hands. To-morrow will tell more.

The French are hard at work in the trenches, and progress rapidly. They have as yet mounted no few guns. Their tirailleurs do great service in silencing the Russian guns, by continual popping at the gunners as they appear in the embrasures. Our sharpshooters are also found to be very effective in driving the artillerymen from the earthwork wherever it is open. It is said, however, that we have quite checked desertion from the enemy by our good shots, and that we sometimes, in our excessive zeal, do not discriminate between the pickets and the burying parties in front of the Russian lines.

To-day our cavalry abandoned their old camp. They have taken up ground on the hills on the road to Balaklava, close to the rear of the French centre. We have thus abandoned the lower road to the enemy; and there is a rumor that two of our officers, coming out to-night from Balaklava, on the lower road, in ignorance of this withdrawal, have been taken prisoners. To-day 1,600 Turks arrived. They are to be used in assisting us and the French in the trenches. Our cavalry, I am glad to say, have not been cut up as much as was supposed, for many of them have turned up since the 25th. The way in which the stampede among the Russian horses, on the night of the 27th, is accounted *for*, is that a rocket was fired by us into their cavalry camp, and that all the Russian horses broke away. Many of them, accustomed to the station of the monastery of St. George, galloped over in the direction of our lines, and were captured. A well-written and graceful dispatch, received from the Duke of NEWCASTLE, has given great satisfaction to the officers and men of our army. It does full justice to their noble courage at the Alma, singles out Sir GEORGE BROWN and Admiral LYONS for special praise, and pays a courtly and honest compliment to Lord RAGLAN. Our cavalry are now close to the camp of the Chasseurs d'Afrique, and the men fraternize as much as they possibly can, through the moderate medium of water and wood—our two great luxuries and necessaries out here just at present.

The Russians seemed miserably provided. Captain FELLOWES saw no tents in their camp except one or two, evidently taken from the Turkish redoubts. It must be anything but "snug lying" with them late of nights in this weather. We are expecting great supplies of coal from Heraclea. It will soon be indispensable, for the trees and shrubs in the valleys are nearly all cut down. At present we have coal enough to heat our shot, and make them "red hot." *Voile tout!* The Russian cavalry had *three* rations of spirits served out to each man ere they made the attempt at a charge which met with such signal chastisement at the hands of the Heavy Brigade. They were also blessed by a priest. Our swords, however, were not blunted, nor our speed stayed in the charge, by the holy man. To-night there is the usual thud! thud! thud! from the Russian batteries at 9 o'clock. They are evidently getting frightened at our "drawing in" upon them; but cannon shot cannot break the deadly coil of our fields of rifemen.

Lord DUNKELLIN has been sent to Moscow on his way to St. Petersburg. We hear now that large reinforcements are expected by the Russians every day—multitudes of Cossacks and a whole army corps from Southern Russia. Our losses to-day are very trifling.

SUNDAY, Oct. 29.

A Sardinian officer, named ANDRIANI, of a Milanese family, who, with a brother officer in the Piedmontese service, named GIANONE, charged along with our Light Cavalry Brigade, is also a prisoner; his thigh is broken. His companion had his horse killed, and his opaniette was torn to pieces by a round shot; but he managed to escape. Of an English trooper that was galloping past him riderless as he ran through a rank of Cossacks. The Russian was the bearer of letters from each of these officers to their friends. They stated they were provided with medical attendance, and were exceedingly well treated, but that they were in great want of clothing, and also needed money. To-morrow steps will be taken to provide them with whatever they require. Lieutenant CLOWES, in his letter, expressed his belief that the prisoners were going to be sent on to Simpheropol immediately. The fifteen men who are unwounded, and all of them disguised by the enemy's dress, he added that the officer who received Captain CLOWES, expressed his opinion that our attack was a "*charge des fous.*" Very complimentary, truly! There is too much reason to believe that the gay jackets and rich trappings of our Light Brigade—privates and officers—excited the cupidity of the Cossacks, who did not scruple to kill the wounded as they lay on the ground for the sake of their uniforms. They know that they would not be allowed to take the clothes of the men who were alive, and so, more *Turcorum*, they made short work of it. "Do you see that," exclaimed a Russian officer to one of ours, pointing, as he did so, to the gold cord of a shako? "Yes." "Well, I can tell you, one of our Cossacks would ride 100 miles to get hold of such a pretty looking thing." How much easier would be the task of inducing the men who lay on the ground close at hand to them!

To-day the fire on our lines was very slack, but it is observed that the Russians are working hard at fresh lines nearer the town, and it is probable they have withdrawn a portion of their men from the guns to assist at the works, which are designed to check us whenever the assault takes place. At present we are all waiting for the French. I am not sure but that the French think they are waiting for us to "*scraper*" some of the obnoxious batteries which play upon their works from their adjoining positions. They certainly are exposed, in their advance towards their portion of the town, to very heavy fire. It is opposite to them that the assault must be made, and the first lodgment effected. The Quarantine Fort is opposed to them on their extreme left. Then comes a long, high, loop-holed wall or curtain extending in front of the town from the back of the Quarantine Fort to the Flagstaff Battery. The Russians have thrown up a very deep and broad ditch in front of this wall, and the French artillery have as yet made no impression on the stonework at the back. The Flagstaff Battery, however, and all the houses near it are in ruins, but the earthworks in front of it, armed with at least 20 heavy guns, are untouched, and keep up a harrassing fire on the French working parties, particularly at certain periods of the day, and at the interval between 9 and 11 o'clock at night, when they think the men are being relieved in the trenches. Inside the Road Battery *we can see the Russians throwing up a new* work, armed with six heavy ships' guns. They have also erected new batteries behind the Redan and behind the Round Tower. The latter is now a mass of crumbled stone, but two guns keep obstinately blazing away at our 21-gun battery from the angle of the earthwork around it, and the Redan has not yet been silenced, though the embrasures and angles of the work are much damaged. The heavy frigate which has been "dodging" our batteries so cleverly, gave us a taste of her quality in the right attack again to-day. She escaped from the position in which she had laid before, where we had two 24-pounders for her, and came out again to day in a great passion, firing regular broadsides at our battery, and sweeping the hill up to it completely. Occasionally she varied this amusement with a round or two from 13-inch mortars. These shells have done our works and guns much damage; but the sailors, who are principally treated to these agreeable missiles, have got quite accustomed to them. "Bill," cries one fellow to another, "look out, here comes 'Whistling Dick!'" The 13 inch shell has thus been baptized by them in consequence of the loudness and shrillness of the noise it makes in the air. They all look up, and their keen, quick eyes discern the globe of iron as it describes its curve aloft. Long ere "Whistling Dick" has reached the ground the blue jackets are snug in their various hiding places, but all the power of men cannot keep them from peeping out now and then to see if the fuse is still burning. One of them the other day approached a shell which he thought had gone out; it burst just as he got close to it, and the concussion dashed him to the ground. He got up, and in his rage, shaking his fist at the spot where the shell had been, he exclaimed, "You —— deceitful beggar, there's a trick to play me!" Our losses continue to be remarkably slight.

Five o'clock, P. M.—I have just heard that Major POWELL, of the 49th, a most active and intelligent officer, has been killed in the trenches. Captain MAXWELL, 50th Regiment, M.P., had a miraculous escape lately. He was in a trench behind an embrasure, and happened to stoop for a moment. As he did so a 32lb. shot came in through the embrasure, knocked off his cap, and carried away a piece of skin from the top of his head about the size of a sixpence. Captain MONCRAY, R.A., Lieutenant J. HOPE, R.A., and Mr. BULLOCK, R.N., have been severely wounded in the right attack since the siege began.

The arrival of the *Times*, with a copy of Lord RAGLAN's dispatches relating to the Battle of the Alma, has produced more emotion and excitement here than can be imagined by those who do not understand that a soldier's very existence is the praise of his commander. It is admitted on all hands that the simple and nervous language of his Lordship has done full justice to the bravery of our men and to the undaunted resolution with which they overcame those difficulties of position he so well describes; but it is not to be expected that even the dispatches of the Commander-in-Chief can escape the jealous eye of men who are morbidly sensitive lest they should suffer the loss of the smallest particle of the honors they have so hardly won.

Not even the General who directs the operations can describe a battle. It is proverbially impossible to do so. Who can hope to satisfy every officer engaged, when each colonel in the smoke and tumult and excitement of the conflict sees only what is done by his own men, and scarcely knows *even where the next regiment is? He beholds but* the enemy before him, and that small portion of his regiment which may be close to him at the time. The same observation is true of captains of companies. You hear them saying, "I only know what went on with my company; I could not see So-and-so, for he was in command of the company on my flank." It is natural for men under such circumstances, to make mistakes. They may know well enough what they themselves have done, but it is scarcely probable that they have an accurate conception of the doings of others. Hence, it is, I believe, that there is almost an insuperable difficulty in collecting the details of a battle from the narratives of those engaged in it. If each colonel of a regiment engaged at the Alma were to write his own version of the battle, it would be scarcely possible to make one account consistent with another.

It will readily be believed that officers serving on the staff attach great importance to the mention of their names in the Commander-in-Chief's dispatches. In fact, a regimental officer attached to the staff loses his chances of regimental promotion while so employed, and has only to look to the dispatches of his chief for his advancement. Besides, "what will people at home think," when they see certain names omitted from the list of officers mentioned in the public dispatches, but that there is some reason for the omission, when, after all, there is no cause whatever for it but the obliviousness of the head of the Department, or of the general officer in the hurry of writing his dispatch? In the case of the dispatches written after the Alma, some of those omissions have been made, as I think, unintentionally. For instance, one officer is named in the dispatch who was not present at the action at all. Captain HACKETT, of the Quartermaster-General's department, is not mentioned, but he accompanied the troops till they got under fire, when he was sent with special orders to the 4th Division in the rear. Major BLANE, Commandant of the Head Quarters' Camp, Assistant Quartermaster-General, is not mentioned, though he was present with the staff throughout the day, came on shore, suffering as he was, to accompany them. Nor is Captain DE MOREL named in the dispatches, although he was in close attendance on Brigadier-General EstCourt, to whom he is Aide-de-Camp, and was of course as much exposed to fire as any one of the general staff on that memorable day. I have merely written this that the public may not be under any false impression with respect to the accidental omission of names, and to prevent any false conclusions being drawn by those who may be aware that these officers are not here from the fact of the General's silence.

On looking at my own account of the battle of the Alma, which was written literally on the field, part of it while exposed to a broiling sun, the morning after the action, on the grass, in the open air (for we were then coverings then, and all that were on the heights were crowded)—part while exposed to an incessant fire of small talk in a tent full of excited and garrulous officers, I find I have made mistakes which I confess without a blush, and which, I trust, are excusable under the circumstances in which I was placed, especially when it is considered that the undertaking, under the most favorable conditions, is not an easy one.

The French this morning nearly completed their new work, which is opposite the Flagstaff battery, whence it runs towards the centre of the town at the distance of 400 metres. This will be pretty sharp work when the guns are mounted. The French cavalry have moved up to the front of the English heavy cavalry camp.

Poor Sir COLIN CAMPBELL is very indignant at having some 500 Turks placed under his command. He will not have them at any price. In the most vigorous terms he repudiates the charge, and declares he has no confidence in them. It must be observed in justice to Sir COLIN, that before the transports of Balaklava he had strongly represented the insecurity of his position, and had demanded reinforcements. His contempt for the Turks was too well founded, and now he is annoyed at having the men who ran away placed under his control. The Highland Brigade is now moved down to strengthen him, and the Marines have been reinforced on the heights. They have pushed up their encumpments to the very summit of the highest hill, overlooking the town and its approaches, but they are dominated by a still higher peak further off, on which the Russians are, "it is said, placing guns, with which they hope not only to annoy the Marines, but the shipping in the roadstead outside Balaklava. The cold is very severe to-night. Diarrhœa is prevalent among the men. It is calculated that about 100 men every day are invalided and sent to hospital! Of course, there are convalescents arriving every day to take their place, but not to the number, and thus there is a constant drain going out of us of our best soldiers. The army is in need of strong reinforcements, for it cannot be disguised, that we are scarcely able to execute the task before us.

MOUNAT, Oct. 30.

Sir DE LACY EVANS met with an accident yesterday, which will compel him to resign the command he has so ably held to Brigadier-General PENNEFATHER for a few days. His horse fell with him as he was going at a sharp trot, and, as the General had been suffering from diarrhœa for some days before, the shock so weakened him that he has been obliged to go down to Balaklava and get on board the *Simoon*. The whole army hope that his illness will be of short duration, and that he will soon be with them once more. In general orders issued lately, Lord RAGLAN praises highly the conduct of Sir DE LACY EVANS on the 26th, when a powerful sortie was directed against his division, and states "that the arrangements of the General were such as could not fail to insure success."

On the same day, Lord RAGLAN issued a general order congratulating Lord LUCAN and Brigadier-General SCARLETT on the splendid charge of the *heavy cavalry brigade against an enemy far out* numbering their small force. His Lordship also, while condoling with the Earl of CARDIGAN on the loss sustained by his light cavalry brigade, takes occasion to express his admission of the unflinching courage and perseverance with which they struggled against the masses of the enemy.

The Turks—or, as they are now universally called, the "Bone Johnnies," except by the sailors, who call them "*No* bone Johnnies"—have been employed for the last few nights in working in the trenches, and have done good service. The first night they set to work in Captain CHAPMAN's attack they worked on manfully till 10 o'clock at night, when a Russian shell came over them. They at once shouted out "We shall be killed!" and ran out as fast as they could, carrying off a portion of our working and covering parties with them. However, they were at last re-formed and brought back, and then they worked on till 11 o'clock, when they declared that it was "the will of Heaven they should labor no more that night," and, as they had really exerted themselves, it was considered advisable to let them go. They remained quietly in the trenches, and ever since they have been laboring regularly, repairing damages, and casting up earthworks, which they do exceedingly well. The poor creatures are decimated by dysentery, fevers—the typhus particularly, and by diarrhœa, and die in swarms. They have no medical officers, and our surgeons are not sufficient in number for the wants of our army. Nothing can exceed their kindness to their own sick. It is common to see strings of them on the road to Balaklava carrying sick and dying men on their backs down to the miserable shed which serves them as a hospital, or rather as a "dead-house."

The French were to have opened their new batteries to-day but the nature of the ground has delayed them, coupled with the determined fire of the Russians all over the approaches to their ranks.

A deserter from the Russian cavalry at Balaklava valley came in to-day. He says he was two days hiding among the brushwood in the hills and could make his escape. The Russians are without tents or cover; their fare is scanty and miserable, and their clothings are very poor. We learn that it is Prince GORTSCHAKOFF who commands in the valley, and that it was he who met Captain FELLOWES. We sent in yesterday to the Russian lines letters for Mr. CHADWICK and Mr. CROWES, and warm clothing and money. The siege went on to-day as it has gone on for the last two or three days. The Russians in our rear are fortifying their position. Thus it appears that we are rapidly becoming "invested" by the Russians. *In fact, they are besieging us just as much as we are besieging them.* They have the north and the northeast side of Sebastopol open to them, as we the sea from Balaklava and Cherson open to us. They have put heavy guns on the redoubts and on the hills over their cavalry lines; we in turn are making a number of *trous-de-loup* and pit-falls all along the approaches to Balaklava, so as to prevent any rapid dash of their cavalry. *Trous-de-loup* are merely deep holes, in which men can lie and scramble in and out, but which are too broad and deep for a mounted man to cross. Captain POWELL, of the *Vesuvius*, and his blue-jackets and marines, are busy throwing up a redoubt on the right-hand side of the road. They are all under canvas. The Turks, the French, and the sailors and marines of our fleet are indefatigable in casting up every kind of obstructive earthwork in front of the town.

As to our progress before Sebastopol itself, it is *evident that our shell practice is not as good as it* is at Woolwich; and a rocket is certainly one of the most eccentric missiles ever invented. Even if we landed every shell and rocket in the exact spot aimed at, I doubt if we would have much on which to congratulate ourselves, because the town seems asbestos-like, and utterly incombustible. With our glasses we can see that the doors and window-frames of most of the houses have been removed; and it is not improbable that the wooden floors, and other parts of the buildings which could have been set on fire, have been taken away also. The silence of the Russians to-day is accounted for by the fact that they are throwing up new works in the town. There is a rumor to-day that OSTEN-SACKEN has arrived, and that the army of GORTSCHAKOFF received considerable reinforcements. They sang *Te Deum* on the night of the 25th for "their victory," and the troops were so excited that they demanded to be led against us the following morning. The 2d Division soon satisfied them in full. Forty non-commissioned officers and privates were busy on the 27th and 28th burying the Russian dead. They buried more than 150 bodies—more than that number lay within the Russian lines. We made nearly 100 prisoners.

The Commissariat officers have issued several rewards of £5 to private soldiers for "distinguished bravery in the field." One was paid yesterday to PATRICK MCGRATH, of the 33d Regiment, who, when captured by two Russians, as mentioned in a former letter of mine, seized a firelock from one, shot him, and with the butt dashed out the brains of the other, and thus made his escape.

The officers taken the other night by the Russians belonged to the Commissariat Department. They have been sent on to Simpheropol. They were in the clerk's department, but I do not know their names.

From Another Correspondent.

CAMP BEFORE SEBASTOPOL, Nov. 2.

The Turkish contingent is now broken up and distributed throughout the whole camp, both English and French, and they have since been placed to do what they are most fitted for—viz., digging in the trenches, which gives relief to our own men, who are greatly overworked. What with outlying pickets and working parties, they have seldom a night in their tents; indeed, they never have a clear night undisturbed, because it is the custom of the British Army to get under arms before daylight, and so remain for an hour, when, if all appears quiet, they are dismissed. Besides all this, there are constant alarms at night, from musketry being heard in some direction or other, when the word is given to turn out and stand to their arms, and this occurs frequently two or three times in one night. John Turk is by no means an industrious laborer in the trenches; he digs a few minutes, gives a grunt, and then sits down. A very vehement and zealous commanding officer of a distinguished Italian corps was the other night in the trenches when the Turks were digging; and, seeing one rather more idle than the rest, gesticulated violently at him, and induced him to work a little. Johnny, however, soon gave in, and on the pantomime action being repeated very politely handed his spade to the Colonel. Between the three allied armies the mystic word "Bone" appears to be the great medium of salutation. An English soldier and a French soldier meet; perhaps the former commences with "Bone Francis," and the enquiry is "Bone Anglis." With a Turk it is "Bone Johnny." Each seems to think it to be the language of the other. A week or two ago, I was standing in a redoubt with a lot of officers, looking on Sebastopol, when a Turkish Colonel rode up, followed by an orderly. None of us could speak Turkish, but the chief dismounted, as he did every thing, and we received it. To tell you that the Kaloch and Frank officers laughed at him and every thing else French about him would be superfluous. The French seem to monopolize all the fun, and shower the sobriquets of derision on the English soldiers on every occasion. I happened to be with the Second Division on the 26th, when the order was given for them to turn out and stand to their arms. On one side it was a sudden and unexpected attack, only a few minutes beforehand. A lot of officers were standing on an eminence looking down upon the skirmishers on both sides, having no idea that a powerful sortie was about to be made, when they saw some guns on an opposite ridge, on the right, about 1,000 yards distant. No one had the least conception as to what they were, when some one, looking through a glass, said, "Green guns, by Jove!" and all bolted. (The Russian gun-carriages are painted pea green. In two minutes more the round shot began to sing overhead, and the sharp sound of musketry from the pickets showed that some sharp fighting was going on. The pickets were under the command of Major CHAMPION, of the 95th. They behaved admirably, and although compelled to retire, did so in excellent order, and kept the Russians in check until our artillery got to work. I saw three immense Russian columns cross the ridge I have just spoken of. As soon as our guns were got the range they sent a storm of rockets, shot and shell into them, and their columns literally melted away. Our infantry then advanced, firing; and the Russians retreated, and were followed by some of our skirmishers nearly down to the walls of Sebastopol. The second division, under Sir DE LACY EVANS, was the only one engaged. The Duke of CAMBRIDGE, with the Guards, was in reserve. Other divisions were coming up, and, had the action lasted longer, would have come in for it. Two officers were taken prisoners. From what they said it appears that in the morning MENSCHIKOFF assembled the troops in Sebastopol, told them of the great victory obtained over the English the day before at Balaklava, that the English cavalry was destroyed, and that the infantry only required finishing; whereupon they demanded to be led against the English; on this a *Te Deum* was performed, and an extra allowance of vodka served out, and off they started, and were back again in no time, *for the fighting did not last above an hour and a half.* As I was on the ground from first to last, and had nothing to do except look about me, you may depend upon my account being correct. It is very much the fashion to say that the Russians may have lost so many, and, I am afraid, in general, rather to overrate their losses, so I will give the losses of both sides as far as can be correctly ascertained.

Our loss was 19 killed, and 78, including five officers, wounded, all of the Second Division. We took 100 prisoners; 112 bodies were buried by us, and we know of many more lying beyond our position, so far away that the burying parties would be under the fire of the guns of Sebastopol. The usual proportion of men wounded to the killed is about 4 to 1, which will make their loss upwards of 600, of course, they carried a great quantity of both balls with them to the fortress. It is remarkable that the wounded Russians brought in had nearly all received their wounds from the Minié rifles. Our conical balls cause frightful wounds; whenever they touch a limb, they smash the bone. I was on the field during and after the action. Officers and men (of the Russians, I mean,) were dressed alike, in loose gray greatcoats and high cloth caps. They are very difficult to see in the thick brushwood which grows all about; indeed, singly, they are as invisible as a rabbit in dried fern. I examined many of the dead, some were lying in pools of blood, their faces looking like wax. Every man had a large piece of bread with him—black, sour, and half-baked; one had a Russian Prayer-book, which I have appropriated as a memento. Their firelocks are of a very inferior sort; they are dated 1834, and have been converted from flint to percussion.

The prisoners were sent off next day to Balaklava, and placed on board ship, and the dead were buried. That night there were two or three alarms and the troops turned out; but the night following was still worse; guns and volleys of musketry were heard in the direction of Balaklava, and the excitement lasted for some time. Next morning a number of Russian cavalry horses were found about the camp, and 60 were taken—60 by the French, and 20 by us. They were all saddled, and covered with sweat. It appeared that the French fired shells and rockets at some cavalry belonging to the outlying Russian army in our rear and a lot of the horses being frightened, broke from their fastenings, and rushed through our camp, the shortest way to Sebastopol. Our pickets, thinking they were attacked blazed at them, and the horses went on even down to the walls of the town, where they were fired at by the Russians, who, in their turn, thought they were attacked. The horses again turned back, and next morning were taken, except a few, which went into the Inkerman valley and were doubtless soon picked up by the Cossacks; I watched three of them trying to catch one horse; it was feeding just within reach of the ridge of the picket; the Cossacks would make a rush at, and once caught the bridle, but when the bullets came whisting about them, they were obliged to let it go and ride off. This was repeated for an hour, when they gave it up, but no doubt they got it without difficulty after nightfall. Down in this valley is a fine flock of tame geese, swimming on a pond near a house; the owners have long since deserted both the geese and the house. Many a longing eye is cast upon those geese, but the risk is great; any one venturing down so steep a hill to get the geese would run every risk of being caught by the Cossacks, who are always prowling about the valley, where we never venture.

I conclude you know the position of the armies investing Sebastopol. They occupy an elevated plateau, sloping down in their front towards Sebastopol, and on their right and their rear descending almost precipitously into an extensive plain, reaching from the Inkerman light to Balaklava. On the opposite side of this plain is a range of mountains, at the base of which is a considerable Russian army, who threaten our post inn at Balaklava. However, it has been so strongly fortified that I do not think they have the smallest chance of success; but I hear that after the melancholy affair of the 25th, it was in contemplation to abandon the place, but Sir EDMUND LYONS would not hear of it, and declared that he would hold the place with the blue jackets rather than it should be given up. In his line he is the life and soul of the expedition. It would be well if his superior had half his energy. The *Agamemnon* is now off Balaklava, and the *Sanspareil* is moored in the harbor, and smaller steamers are constantly moored between it and the fleet. All the transports which formerly crowded the little harbor have been cleared out, and are now anchored outside.

I must relate now a little incident which occurred on the 26th, and which I forgot to mention in its proper place. When the Russians made their sortie a number of their skirmishers advanced towards our right battery, in which are two of the Lancaster guns, and a number of them got into a small cave not far off, where our men were in the habit of cooking their provisions, it not being safe to do so in the battery. Sir THOMAS TROUBRIDGE was in the battery, in command of the covering party, and seeing some of the enemy near (but not knowing they were in the cave,) sent Mr. MARKHAM with a party of the Rifle Brigade to dislodge them. As they passed by the cave out bolted a lot of Russians, with their mouths full of beef and biscuit, which they had found inside. Mr MARKHAM shot two with his revolver and wounded another, and the greater part of them were either killed or taken prisoners.

Last night there was an immense deal of firing at the batteries. I have not yet ascertained the cause or result, but shall shortly do so. For several days previously the firing had been very slack, with only occasional guns going off at night. The French have a mortar, which regularly during the night sends a shell, like a shooting star, into the town and causes great annoyance to the Russians, who two nights ago got a number of guns to bear upon it, and fired regular salvoes; but the mortar continues its discharges, as before, every ten minutes.

The camp is an extension that many things occur in one part which are never heard of in the other.

The officers of the army here by no means lead that life of luxury which some of the last generation at home say that young men of the present time cannot do without; except a few fortunate men, who possess a bedstead or India rubber bed, all sleep in their clothes on the ground, with a blanket or two to cover them. They are very much obliged to Lord RAGLAN for his promise that he would bring them their bat-horses and baggage as soon as possible; but up to this time the promise has not been

NEW-YORK CITY.

TRIAL FOR DIVORCE.

Suit of Frances L. Childs vs. Solomon Childs.—CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL—VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Before Judge Roosevelt.

ELEVENTH DAY—Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Court-room was crowded as usual at the opening of the Court, and within a short time after the commencement of Mr. Graham's argument, all the available space was occupied by the audience.

Mrs. Childs, on this occasion, was accompanied by her mother, a younger sister and a lady friend. Mr. Childs did not appear.

After the opinion of the Court John Graham Esq., delivered the

ARGUMENT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

Mr. Graham said that he felt grateful that they had at length reached the present stage of this lengthy trial. He would take occasion to thank the Court for its uniform courteousness and forbearance. He would also thank the Jury for their marked attention and kind indulgence shown through the protracted proceedings. He felt the necessity, in what he had to submit to the Jury, of entreating their kind aid for their sakes and his own. Exhausted, though he was, with a strong constitution, the complicated labors of the present inquiry, he said, had pressed upon him with most severe and exhausting weight.

This case, continued the counsel, presents a sickening picture. A lady, young in origin, in temperament, with life bright before her and life's young dream, glowing and beautiful, in one of those unfortunate moments, that in the chain of mysterious human events so often decide our destinies, had the misfortune to encounter Solomon Childs, the defendant in this suit. An acquaintance is begun, and they are married. The result is correctly ended. He enjoys her, and uses her. In time she becomes a mother; the father is found spending his time and substance among harlots. It had been suggested it only wanted the refusal of the Jury to read—a verdict against the plaintiff, for her to again take to her family with her child. Would you have that mother—this pure and highminded woman—again invited to be sister or a wretch who had abandoned her and who was defiled by the touch of the most degraded and debased of the sex? It has been urged that necessity kept him away—that his business required his presence in Cincinnati—but it has not been shown that she was ever requested to join him there. On the contrary, she has been thrown upon the charity of her family and friends in New-York, and they now ask you to cut her aloof from this man. Nothing has been left undone on the other side, as in duty bound of course, to prejudice you against my client. You have been told that the fault was here—that a brother has been the means of the separation. You have been told the consequences of your verdict. The consequences is not the question. Justice is the question. You have been told he will be left to lead a life of celibacy. He can go to his former haunts—to Belle Forrest's, to Emily Moore's and elsewhere—where consolation will be afforded him in his solitude! Surgeon will at doing the community a benefit to consign him anywhere—only persons of any virtue or woman from becoming meshed in his toils. He stands but one remove from a seducer. Let him go forth from this court labelled by you what he is, that he may be justly despised and avoided. Like the base Judean, he has thrown a pearl away richer than all his tribe.

In this connection, before proceeding to the merits of the case, the Counsel wished, he said, to lay before the Jury a few rules of evidence, the more intelligently to guide them in their combined consideration and sifting of the mass of evidence to be submitted to their revisoral and decision:

First, if the fact sworn to is not unreasonable and is sworn to by one creditable witness, or even one infamous witness and corroborated, it is entitled to credence by the Jury.

Second—You have the physical but not the moral right to disbelieve a witness, unless that witness is so borne down by overwhelming contra proof that you have no election but to pronounce him perjured.

Third—If there are facts sworn to which the defendant could contradict, and he had the opportunity of doing so, and does not, the Jury are to presume against the defendant.

Fourth—If a witness can just as well swear in a way so as not to be contradicted, and notwithstanding testifies in such a way as that she can be contradicted, and yet is not, it weighs in favor of her veracity.

These rules, drawn upon the elementary principles of evidence, the counsel said, required no enforcement at his hands.

After citing certain facts admitted on both sides as to the marriage of the parties in March, 1850, their going to Cincinnati in June of that year, their return shortly after to New-York, and since that return that the plaintiff had been a resident of the State of New-York, the fact of Mrs Childs being born in the parties—the time of the commencement of the present suit, togo her with the registry of certain depositions and their dates, the counsel further remarked that there were in the case two principal questions of fact:

1. Was the marriage solemnized in this State?

2. Was the defendant, at the time of the adulterous charged, a resident of this State?

Remarking briefly upon these interrogatories, and showing, as the counsel alleged, a conclusive affirmative answer to both, the counsel went on to show that Mrs. Childs had not cohabited with the defendant since the time of her knowledge and subsequent charge of the adultery.

The question of the abandonment of the plaintiff by the defendant was here dwelt upon. The counsel alluded first to the scene which occurred at the office of Mr. Simpson, the plaintiff's father, as throwing light upon the point as to how and by whom the abandonment was made. He would not give all the particulars of that scene, and the highest charge of the plaintiff not being a virgin, there made against the plaintiff. He would ask the jury to ask in the light of that and other facts, whether it was probable if they should let down the bars that keep these parties separate, the plaintiff in this suit should rush eagerly to his embrace, as alleged by the opposite counsel? Would you think she would trust herself with such a monster? Would you have your daughter live with a man in whose hands you could not feel her life was secure? But they became reconciled, says the Court, on the other side. But what was the condition of this reconciliation? Was it not that she was to stay at her father's house and under his protection? Again, continued the Counsel, we are told they subsequently cohabited at Western-row. So they did, but it was only by the permission of the injured father. It is further alleged, that shortly after reaching that city they return to New-York; and that upon his receiving a telegraphic dispatch to hasten to Cincinnati, she refused to accompany him; and here, gravely states the learned Counsel on the other side, begins the abandonment—an abandonment of the husband by the wife. He would ask the Jury, he said, to look more closely to the facts and see how outside the theory of the abandonment raised by the defence. The letters that passed between Solomon Childs and his wife show an abandonment on the part of the husband decisive and last possible. The letters show that instead of desiring his wife to come to Cincinnati she remained in New-York; he forces upon her the necessity of giving up her business in this country, which would detain him several weeks, and takes pains to state the nature of that business or where it is. It is said he went to a Water Cure, but it is not to be supposed a loving husband would first and everything in his communications to his wife speak of his health, and especially if in such condition of health as to require a protracted absence of weeks from his business? This, said the counsel, looks like the course of many married men in getting up fictitious accounts, as attendance at lodges, &c., to account to their wives for their absence. When it was urged that Solomon Childs did not come to New-York for fear of being arrested, it manifests further that he was in the habit of visiting New-York without fear of being arrested. If he forbade his wife to come to Cincinnati, where the plaintiff and brothers of the groom resided, and then accompanied to New-York. They had scarcely been six days in New-York after their return, when a dispatch dated the 27th of September was received, announcing the failure of the house in Cincinnati of which the defendant was a partner, upon which, alone, without his wife, he immediately left again for the West and arrived in Cincinnati about the 3d or 4th of October. From that day (1st 1850, with the exception of occasional visits to the neighborhood, the defendant, Solomon Childs, remained alone in Cincinnati until the latter part of October 1851, a period of about one year and three weeks, when he was of sudden jealousy, without cause or having seen his wife for more than a year, and without having seen his first born and only child at all, he left Cincinnati for Europe and the Holy Land. On that day, the 22d of October 1851, and not before, the alleged commission. Indeed, his own witness, Hackenburgh, expressly says: "I think the detention was in Cincinnati, commencing the three weeks previous to the 22d Oct. 1851." The conclusion of the defence, therefore, so charged upon the defendant before the death, whether she should return to live with him or not, is perfectly possible at almost any time, and all times, during an interval of nearly thirteen months of absence from him with and presence in the closet. And consequently, so far as respects this branch of the case, the question and the only question is, did he so—not could he have done—the wrong of which his wife, and friends, so justly complained?

It is to be regretted, gentlemen, that the testimony on this point of so many of the witnesses, and on both sides, should have been taken in writing, a circumstance which aggravates greatly the uncertainty, already sufficiently distressing, of several parts of the case. These witnesses—and they are important witnesses, having been personally examined in open Court, we have just the benefit of their tone, temper, appearance and manner; and of these numerous other indescribable accompaniments, only clothed on the stand, which distinguish the candid narrator of truth from the covert, delicate or fearless dealer in falsehood—these witnesses, I say, we have not. Looking at them—if looking it can be called—only through the medium of ink and paper, we see them, as it were "through a glass darkly"—a glass formed not of the brilliant crystal in modern use, but of the comparatively opaque material of ancient times.

Forrest, Deitzell and Cross on one side—and Moore and Bates on the other—occupy this position. I shall refer to their statements, should I deem it necessary, hereafter. As to their characters for truth, that of Deitzell alone has been directly impeached. No attempt—except what results from the peculiarities of their evidence and the nature of their callings—has been made to undermine the other four. And even Deitzell, it seems, has friends who, in spite of his foults, would readily believe him on oath.

There is one witness, however, and a most important one—I allude to young Simpson—whose character, although some of his statements have been contradicted, has not been impeached, and whose person we have seen, face to face. He is a brother, it is true, of the injured wife. But that circumstance, although perhaps creating a desire to prove the charge, if true, would naturally furnish an inducement to contradict and disprove it if unfounded.

The defendant, it appears, according to Mr. Simpson's testimony, about six months after his marriage, on the alleged presence, true or otherwise, of business calling him for a few weeks to the West, left New-York for Cincinnati, where the firm of Childs Brothers, of which he was a member, had their principal business establishment. Not returning, as promised, to his wife, and nearly a year of absence unexplained, or insufficiently explained, having elapsed, one may readily infer that his conduct at length, whether justly or not, became the subject of serious doubt and anxiety. So even that the absence continued even after the birth of his child—an event which would ordinarily create in a father's mind the strongest possible inducement to return to the roof of the mother.

This event—the birth of his first and only son—occurred, it appears, on the 14th of June '51, fifteen months after the marriage.

Young Simpson, accordingly, in October '51—the marriage you will recollect took place here in March '50—went to Cincinnati. Arriving there, he says, between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening, he left his carpet-bag at his lodgings, and sallied out. Walking up Fourth-street he descried, he says, his brother-in-law, whose person, owing to a very marked lameness in his walk, he could easily distinguish, approaching from a distance. You will recollect that these two individuals were not only brothers-in-law, but the year previous had lived together for months in this City under the same roof, and probably at the same table. Seeing the defendant approach, witness crossed the street and watched his movements from behind a tree-box. Observing him turn the corner into Western-row, in which, near Fourth-street, was a house of ill-fame kept by a certain Belle Forrest, witness followed, but could not reach the corner soon enough to see him enter. On going in, however, he found him there,—seeing him, he swears, distinctly through a slight opening of the sliding-doors, seated in the front parlor on a divan between two women, whose occupation may be inferred from their position, one on each side, caressing in a loor tone with both. Having then, as he supposed, redoned his suspicions to certainty, he left the house and the city, and returned to New-York. He is positive, he says, as to the individual, positive as to the time and place, and positive as to the occurrence.

If this statement of young Simpson's be true—and you will judge from his manner, and all the circumstances, whether there is any reason to doubt its truth—it not only of itself establishes the charge, but, as you will readily perceive, it goes far to render probable the like statements of other less credible witnesses. You have, besides, this most significant and undisputed fact, that while receiving letters from his wife, overflowing with the fondest wishes for his return, and writing letters to his wife, containing not the slightest complaint against her, but breathing, on the contrary, a real, or simulated affection; and while distant, as it appears, but then two days' journey, and knowing, or having reason to know, that an heir had been, or was shortly to be, born to him, he lingered in Cincinnati—the city whose syren charms are said to have enchanted him from his allegiance. He gives no heed—so at least it would seem—to the domestic hearth, or to the bridal claims of her whom he had so recently espoused, and who had just become the fond mother of his first-born son. You have, I say, in addition to the direct and positive testimony of young Simpson, this strong, controlling, undisputed fact. And whatever darkness or doubt may rest on other portions of the evidence, this fact stands out in bold relief, and that a prominent and illuminating one—to steer by; it beacons which, it seems to me, sheds light enough to enable you to reach the true harbor with almost, if not quite, unerring certainty.

Passing over this point for the present, as I shall recur to it again, the next question, gentlemen, for you to consider relates to the jurisdiction of the Court. If the adultery alleged to have been committed by the defendant has been ever so clearly proven, there is no suggestion that the deed was done in this State, and in such cases the residence, at least in a qualified sense, of the injured party, determines the power of the Court to decree a divorce. She, if the wife, must have resided here at the time of the offence, and must be at the time of suit brought, "an actual inhabitant of this State." In other words, the injury, if done, must have been done to her as, and when she was, an inhabitant of this State. Without that the Courts of this State, by law, have no jurisdiction to grant redress, even although the marriage may have been, as in this case it was, celebrated within its limits.

Was Mrs. Childs, then, in 1851, an actual inhabitant of this State, for if so at that time, there can be little doubt that she continued to be so afterwards.

It is proper, I should remind you, that the Legislature have declared that, if at the time of exhibiting her bill of complaint, the wife resides in this State, "she shall be deemed an inhabitant of it, although her husband may reside elsewhere"—thus clearly showing that within the meaning of all events of the law of divorce, the husband and wife may not only live in different places, but have different legal residences. She, in other words, as matter of law, may be an actual inhabitant of New-York, even if he resides in Ohio.

Now that Mrs. Childs before her marriage, and with the exception of a short visit of a few weeks to Cincinnati, ever since has actually lived in New-York, there is no dispute. Her husband, it appears, has for five or six years lived here himself, and except in her father's house, had provided for her a home elsewhere. He wrote to her beside, and in several letters dated at Cincinnati, not expressing a wish that she should come to him, but a promise, often repeated, that he would come to her. The chief place of business, it is true, of the firm of which he was a member, was Cincinnati; but on the other hand the purchase for the house had for years been made in New-York, and by him, he living here and having neither wife nor children elsewhere.

Under these circumstances, and with the law as it has been explained, it will be for the Jury to say whether Mrs. Childs, the plaintiff, at the time of the alleged offence, was or was not an actual inhabitant of the State of New-York.

I have thus briefly, gentlemen, considered this case. Although it is your province to weigh evidence, it is the duty of the Court, and for obvious reasons, to aid you in the exercise of your powers. Many days have been sacrificed in the trial, and there are some difficulties, no doubt, in the case. The marriage, however—and its legal merits—lie in a very narrow compass. Great exertions have been made, and great expenses no doubt incurred, on either side; and as a consequence much irrelevant, and some very irritating, matter has been introduced, or if not entirely irrelevant, at least so much so as to serve rather, it seems to me, to embarrass than to aid the investigation. On the main issue—that of adultery—you will recall your attention and fix it distinctly on the incidents sworn to by young Simpson. Is he mistaken or is he not? Was the person he saw—if he saw any one—his brother-in-law, Solomon Childs,—or was it, as the defendant's counsel insist, a different individual? For if Solomon Childs, and not another, was the man seen dallying on a divan in a house of ill-fame, at 10 o'clock at night, with two unblushing, unfeminine companions, the inference, in the absence of positive proof to the contrary, would be irresistible that he had already, in his heart, committed adultery, and would ere long commit it in fact. Neither men nor women, especially if married, are presumed to go to such places for the mere pleasure of society. If they go so far, a jury have a right to infer that they go further. Direct evidence is not necessary, and seldom in a few unblushing cases is not attainable.

The case, then, in this aspect, would seem almost to resolve itself into a mere question of identity.

Solomon, it is said, closely resembles his brother William. And William, it is admitted and proved, was a frequenter of Miss Forrest's establishment.

But is it likely that young Simpson should have mistaken his own brother-in-law, with whom he had lived in daily intercourse under his father's roof for months together—and whom, too, he saw not only in the street at night, but in the house for hours together, and in a position very close and distinct, and under circumstances so strongly calculated to sharpen the attention? You have seen Solomon Childs, the defendant, and William Childs, his brother, before you. Were you intimate or acquaintance, with both, would you seriously hesitate to mistake the one for the other—William for Solomon? For myself, I confess I see the lineaments of the one and the other, but no resemblance between them; and William Childs, testifying as to their very marked dissimilitude in at variance, it seems to me, with the highest of all evidence, the testimony of the party himself.

The individual seen by Simpson, on the street or coming as alleged to have been no stranger, was dressed, according to the defendant's own testimony of the circumstances and furniture of the room, from twelve to fifteen feet. The apartment was lighted, and being, although out of the chief parlor of the establishment, we may infer was well lighted. No obstruction was in the way. The aperture in the folds of the door—from an inch and a half to two inches—was amply sufficient. And the light, although inclining inward, turned to the right, while the line of vision, extended diagonally to the plane of the sofa, diverged slightly to the left. To see there, then—and to see with entire distinctness—was not only practicable, but easy. Under these circumstances—and combined—to say that Simpson did not know his own brother-in-law, is almost to say that he was insane. To my mind—although perhaps the Jury may view it differently—there is but one alternative: either Solomon Childs was in the house and position referred to, or Solomon Simpson, his brother-in-law, is a perjured witness.

If the former, it ends the case—if the latter, it ought to end it.

In what light then—for this is a most important inquiry—does young Simpson stand before you?

Whatever criticisms may have been indulged in as to particular statements and particular lines of conduct, no attempt has been made to assail his general character. His truthfulness, as a general proposition, stands unimpeached. In he corroborated then in the account given by him of this particular occurrence on which the result of this suit may, if not, we may say decisively?

That both the individuals—Solomon Childs and Solomon Childs—were in Cincinnati at the time, I think there can be no reasonable doubt. Whether, according to the statement, were in the house? Solomon Simpson and Belle Forrest in the outer room; Solomon Childs and the two unnamed females in the inner parlor. The fact, then, is that the statement of young Simpson, be it true or not, stands uncontradicted by a single witness. While on the other hand the general testimony—whatever you may testimate it to be worth—of Frost and Deitzell, as to the occurrence, goes to increase the probability of Simpson's evidence. Winston too, whose frankness with all his faults interested me favorably, unless mistaken in the identity of the defendant, gives the same version of the defendant's life and conversation. He saw the year Solomon Childs here in court in presence of us all, and emphatically swears—and repeats the oath face to face—"That are the man." Although contradicted on some collateral circumstances—his general character being unimpeached, his testimony cannot be disregarded.

A constant visitor, he tells us, of the Forrest house—"had been there," to use his own language, "a thousand times." Had been in the room—the small parlor spoken of by Simpson—when Childs, the same individual identified in open Court as the defendant, was there, and within a few feet of his person. He cannot, he says, be mistaken. "He saw him there at least half a dozen times." Notwithstanding these strong assertions—and, if honest, strong convictions—the witness may still have taken one person for another. I have, for myself, no doubt of his intention to speak the truth. Of this, however, as also of his probable error or accuracy, it will be for you to judge.

The woman, called Belle Forrest, too, gives the same sort of evidence. She knows the defendant, she says, and she knows that he visited her house in Cincinnati at all the times during the whole two years she resided there, (from May, 1850, to January, 1852,) with the exception of the time he went to Europe"—"he was there the night before he started; at least he told me he was going next day"—and "he called at my house immediately on his return from Europe"—"he was a regular visitor, one of my best customers." She was well acquainted, therefore, it is obvious, with the individual referred to—and it is equally obvious that it was one of the Childs', and the one who went to Europe was absent long enough for such a tour, and on its completion returned to his accustomed haunts. Now, Solomon Childs, and not William, went to Europe. Solomon, and not William, was absent from Cincinnati on such an excursion, from October, '51 to May, '52—and Solomon, and not William, after going to Europe, returned again to Cincinnati. The Childs, therefore, who in that interval visited Belle Forrest's house—William or Solomon—the latter, or rather could not, be the Childs referred to by her as Solomon, the husband of the plaintiff in this suit.

Again, Deitzell—his character, you will recollect, has been both impeached and supported—swears he saw Solomon Childs at the same house in the Fall of 1851; that it was Solomon himself, and not his brother; that "he knows them apart separately, and apart distinctly, and that he could not be mistaken."

Notwithstanding the seeming contradictoriness of this testimony, taken as a whole, one part fortifying another, it is yet not to be disguised that there are circumstances—especially in the Irving House and Crosby-street affairs—connected with the question of identity, which it is difficult, if not impossible, to explain upon any hypothesis consistent with truth. Perjury, on the one side or the other, or both—and not mere unintentional errors—would seem to be inevitable. And for this reason, as you will have seen, if for no other, I have sought to place the case on the single uncontradicted statement of young Simpson, and on the undisputed fact of the husband's long, voluntary, unnecessary and unjustifiable absence from his wife. I say unnecessary and unjustifiable, because whatever may have been the motive assigned at its commencement, subsequent events, and declarations too, clearly showed that it was from the beginning a deliberate desertion by a jealous husband of a much injured wife. And yet, such is the seeming inconsistency of human nature, the same husband so he in six months after marriage left the bride of his choice, and has remained ever since from her and her child for four long years, is straining, as we see, every nerve to prevent a legal severance of the bond which nominally, and only nominally, binds them together.

His motives, whether laudable or otherwise, it is not for me to conjecture. If they furnish a clue to the evidence, or any part of it, you may perhaps deem it proper to look into them. Discarding, however, should you think fitto do so, all that is dubious and uncertain, and resting, as you may, on the two points already indicated, no serious difficulty, it seems to me, can be encountered in arriving, so far as your verdict is concerned, at a just conclusion.

At 6 o'clock the Jury returned into Court and submitted their verdict. To the several questions they submitted the subjoined answers:

1. Did the defendant commit adultery with any woman or women at a house in Western-row, in the city of Cincinnati, kept by Belle Forrest, during the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, 1851?

Answer—Aye.

2. Same question as respects the months July, August, September, October, November and December, at the house of Ann Richmond, No. 415 Elm-street, Cincinnati?

Answer—Not proven.

3. Same question as respects the house of Hadden Cross, in Fifth-street, in the city of Cincinnati?

Answer—Not proven.

4. Same question as respects the house of Josephine Bates in Cincinnati?

Answer—Not proven.

5. Same question as respects the house of Eliza Henderson, in Sixth-street, Cincinnati?

Answer—Not proven.

6. Same question as respects the house of Mary Hamilton in Sixth-street, near Fourth-street, Cincinnati?

Answer—Not proven.

7. Was the plaintiff at the time of the commission of this offence by the defendant in either of the acts of adultery in the foregoing interrogatories mentioned, as at the time of the commencement of this action, an actual inhabitant of the State of New-York?

Answer—She was.

At the request of Mr. Morange, the counsel for the defendant, the Jury were polled and each one assented to the verdict.

Mr. Morange then asked a stay of proceedings in order to prepare a bill of exceptions in the case.

The Court then adjourned.

The friends of the plaintiff after the adjournment approached her and congratulated her warmly upon the success of the issue.

The Parties to the Suit.

Our reporter has furnished from the commencement, through the columns of the DAILY TIMES, the only full and accurate report of this interesting case. At its conclusion the whole would be imperfect without a brief sketch of the personal appearance of the parties at issue.

Mrs. CHILDS is the daughter of LISBACK H. SIMPSON, a wealthy Jewish merchant in this City, who came to this country over twenty-five years ago. Her mother was a native of Holland, her father of Poland. The daughter was born in this City, where she has always resided. She is about 23 years of age. In figure she is tall and commanding, and possessed of a faultless form. Her features are of a Jewish cast, quite regular, but with an individuality sufficiently marked to indicate the possession of prominent traits of character. Her eyes are full, very dark, soft and expressive. Her forehead is high and prominent, and the general contour of her face is indicative of intellectual and moral worth. Her hair is jet black, slightly waving on her forehead, which has the effect to rather increase the paleness of her face.

Mr. CHILDS, the defendant, is a native of Germany, and, we believe, has not been more than twelve or fifteen years in this country. He speaks the English language with a German accent. He is a man of fine stature. His is about five feet and ten inches in height, weighs about 180 pounds, and possessed of an excellent form and powerful frame. His face indicates his Jewish parentage. His features are well moulded. His hair is sandy, his eyes rather small, and his face flushed with a glow of health. A fine growth of whiskers only adds to his otherwise attractive and manly appearance. His flushed cast indicates intellectuality, but rather the man of business, possessing good executive ability.

His age is about 30.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURES.

Professor Torrey on the Phenomena of Combustion.

The third of the Mercantile Library Association's series of Scientific Lectures for the present Winter was delivered on Monday night in Clinton Hall, by Prof. TORREY, before a large and highly interested audience. The subject of the learned Professor's address was "The Phenomena of Combustion." After some words of introduction, he adverted to the importance of a sound knowledge of the process of combustion, and of a familiarity with chemical science generally,—a science of the study of which an eminent scholar has said, that its beginning is pleasure; its progress, knowledge; its end, utility; its object, truth. He gave a brief resumé of the various philosophical speculations and experimental deductions, which have from the earliest times been directed towards the discovery of the causes of combustion and the nature of the process, and in this connection described the leading theories which have from time to time been advanced on the subject. Some of the early Alchemists believed that flame was a spiritual being, and that combustion was the process by which that being satisfied its appetite. Among those who maintained this belief was the celebrated ALBERTUS MAGNUS. JOHN RAY, a Frenchman, was the first investigator who approximated with any degree of truthfulness to the present theory; about thirty years after him ROBERT HOOK, an Englishman, advanced the theory that combustion was the solution of a body in a peculiar substance that exists in the air; but these speculations gained but little ground until the discovery of the composition of the Atmosphere, and of its components, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, by LAVOISIER, and then an entire revolution was effected in the character of chemical investigation. Soon after this the theory was promulgated that the process of burning is but the rapid union of inflammable matter with oxygen, resulting in the evolution of light and heat. This theory, though exceedingly elegant and simple, was too hastily formed, but is proved serviceable in a subsequent and more advanced state of the science. The lecturer then referred to the fact that all the substances in nature may be reduced to sixty-four elementary bodies, but of these hardly more than fourteen enter into the composition of the earth, the water, the air, and the various organic bodies, both animal and vegetable. The elementary bodies are divided by chemists into two classes, the true metals and the unmetallic bodies, but the latter are in their properties the most interesting, and present the most singular characteristics. The composition of air was illustrated by an experiment. A piece of phosphorus was set on fire, and placed in a little vessel on a dish of water. It was then covered with a bell-glass, and the combustion continued. The oxygen of the air united with the phosphorus, and formed a solid oxide, whilst the nitrogen, which does not burn, was set free, and filled the upper portion of the glass. The properties of nitrogen were then tested. To show that it does not support combustion, a lighted taper was put into a jar of it, and was instantly extinguished. The oxygen of the atmosphere is that principle by which animal and vegetable life is preserved, and combustion supported; while the nitrogen, which is a passive gas, serves to qualify the oxygen, to reduce its strength; otherwise, if the latter gas were pure, life would be carried on too fast, and the whole world and everything on it would take fire and be consumed. The powers of oxygen, as a supporter of combustion, were then shown by numerous experiments. A taper burned with great brilliance in it. A taper just extinguished and plunged into it, rekindled with a weak explosion. The explosion was due to the heated vapor that rose off the extinguished taper, being mingled with the oxygen. A spiral of iron wire burned with a vivid heat, but no flame; the drops of melted iron falling through a jar of water placed underneath the receiver, settled on a bed of sand, because if permitted to fall on the glass their heat is so intense that they would sink into it, or perhaps through it. The product of this combustion was an oxide of iron. A piece steel (iron and carbon) was burned in the same way, and produced a sparkling heat, so brilliant as to be almost insupportable to the eye. The product of combustion of steel in oxygen is carburet of iron. A piece of carbon (charcoal) was then heated and put into the jar, and burned vividly. Sulphur produced a blue opaque vapor, which on cooling became yellow. The combustion of another piece of phosphorus presented a beautiful appearance, and was dazzlingly bright. This light the professor thought would yet supersede the artificial lights in common use. A pound of phosphorus gives as much light as a gallon of oil, and at a cheaper rate. Should chemists succeed in discovering means by which it may be made available for every-day purposes, there can be no doubt of its being generally adopted. The product of the combustion of phosphorus in oxygen was phosphoric acid. Several experiments of combustion under water were exhibited. Chlorate of potash, which may be considered in a great measure as oxygen in a solid state, was placed in combination with phosphorus in a tumbler filled with water, sulphuric acid was then poured into the tumbler, and the mixture burned fiercely at the bottom. Gunpowder was burned under water, and the cause of its action as a propelling agent was shown to depend on the enormous volume of gases which are evolved in its combustion. Some years ago in this City a very important case was tried, in which the suit was brought for alleged infringement of a patent for the manufacture of lucifer matches. The defendant was a German, and he contended that his matches differed in composition from those, the patent for making which he was charged with infringing. He asserted that in making his matches he employed a constituent which evolved oxygen, and thus aided in supporting the flame. This was denied on the other side, but the lecturer having been called in be tested the accuracy of the German's statement by trying whether his match would burn under water, which it did, and thus the matter was decided.

Some metallic arsenic and gunpowder were mixed on a board, and on being lighted burned off with great rapidity. The question as to "whether saltpetre will explode" was taken up in passing, and asserted affirmatively. The modifications to which the simple elements are subject by the different circumstances under which they are found to exist, was briefly alluded to, and though the doctrine of the transmutation of metals had long been exploded, yet there could be no doubt that some of the metals exist in a two-fold state. Phosphorus, for instance, changes its character with the extremes of temperature. So GUYOT, the discoverer of gun-cotton, once thought he had discovered a new gas, which he called ozone; but more recently it has been found that ozone is but oxygen in a modified state. The strong odor observable in the vicinity of a powerful electric machine, or near a place which has been struck with lightning, is supposed to be due to the action of electricity on the oxygen of the atmosphere, in converting it into ozone. The presence of this ozone is believed to have something to do with the production of epidemic diseases, but as yet our knowledge of this gas is too limited to enable us to form any definite theory on the subject. The composition of water (Hydrogen and Oxygen) was explained, and a series of most interesting experiments made, by which the properties of hydrogen were exhibited. It was shown to be the lightest of gases; that it is inflammable, but not a supporter of combustion; and that on being mixed with common air and lighted, it explodes with great violence, and a loud report. The burning of hydrogen results in the production of water, because it unites with the oxygen of the atmosphere. Owing to its lightness it is used for inflating balloons, but it does not answer as well as a heavier gas, because as the lightest gases are the most diffusive, and pass outstream will make its escape even through the close silk that is used in the construction of balloons. This element is known only to exist in a gaseous state; but it is not improbable that it exists in the form of a metal. Numerous attempts, however, have been made to solidify it, but without success. At this portion of the lecture the Professor concluded that fine experiment. His remarks were received with marked interest and favor.

DEATH AT SEA.—Mr. S. S. KETCHUM, the officer of the bark Lycoth died on board that vessel in lat. 24° 12' N., lon. 81° 26' W., while on the way from New-Orleans to Charleston. His disease was cholera, and he was ill only nine hours. Prompt medical aid, instructions of Captain J. G. BUNTY, agent of Messrs. S. S. & G. Mower, Charleston, S. C., or case of G. W. HYNSON & Co., New-Orleans.

Sunday-School Union.

There are twenty Schools in this City, under the supervision of the Sunday-School Union. Thirty of these have been established during the last eighteen months.

The Union assumes no power to interfere with the internal arrangements of a school, or with its studies. The course of instruction followed is prescribed, as far as the Union is concerned in the aid it furnishes, to be drawn directly from the sacred Scriptures; with which principle the books, questions, &c., furnished by the Society correspond, being designed to be as free as practicable from any sectarian bias. At the same time it is understood that every school is free to make use of such catechetical or other religious instruction as its teachers, or the Church with which it is connected, may deem expedient.

Lectures this Evening.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. Dr. HOPKINS on *Reformation*.

MECHANICS' SOCIETY.—Rev. A. A. WILLETS on *Home*.

METROPOLITAN ACADEMY.—S. G. BROWNE on the *Arts of Prolongation of Life*.

Dr. Beale and the Dentists.

The Surgeon Dentists of this City have prepared a petition to the Executive of Pennsylvania, praying for the pardon of Dr. BEALE. It will be preserved for the signatures of Dentists alone, and will be open at JONES & WEBB's until Saturday evening. It is a lengthy document, and says, among other things:

"We believe from our experience in the use of ether and its effects upon the minds of those under its influence, that Dr. BEALE should not have been committed and sentenced upon the vague and indefinite testimony produced at his trial."

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Settlement of the Carson and Greeley Difficulty.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

DEAR SIR: I have examined all the Sunday and secular journals of this City, and I have not discovered a word respecting the settlement of the libel suit between GREELEY & McELRATH and myself before the Superior Court. Inasmuch as this suit has been alluded to in your columns, I will thank you to publish the following *amende honorable* from the Tribune of Saturday last, as an act of justice to myself and the Fire Department.

ALFRED CARSON, Chief Engineer.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 12, 1854.

OUR MATTERS WITH MR. ALFRED CARSON, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In October, last, we published certain charges upon the official course of Mr. CARSON, and relative to his accounts as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. That we made the publication "with good motives and for justifiable ends," will scarcely be doubted by any who know us. Concurring in opinion with him, as to the existence of abuses in the Municipal Government, and anxious, like himself, for their reform, there was necessarily a sympathy between us on this point; and having no personal end, of any kind, with him, it may well be supposed that we acted with reluctance a sense of duty in making the publication alluded to. For these publications, Mr. CARSON brought an action against us for libel in the Superior Court, which was on the calendar of the present Term for trial. Since the commencement of the suit, an investigation of these and other charges, before a Committee of the Common Council, commenced upon the petitions, signed in a popular manner, by Mr. CARSON, and considering that a highly respectable number of that body signed and concurred in the verdict, perhaps we ought to have been satisfied. We gave the report a place in our columns, leaving the public still to judge between us. We did not learned, either from our own observation or in any other way, much to respect the opinion of the Common Council or its Committee, and therefore permitted the question to remain open for a public investigation, although, as before stated, there was an adequate reason for making that report an exception to the general discredit attaching to whatever emanated from the reformed municipal body.

Such fuller and, to us, more satisfactory examination of the subject has taken place in our making preparation for the trial and a personal investigation into the charges, and, at our request, Mr. JAMES W. GERARD acting for the Chief Engineer, and our counsel, Mr. CHARLES O'CONOR, in no wise dissident, a spirit of candor and with good faith toward us and the public, have thoroughly sifted the circumstances related upon by our informants, and they have united in a result which it gives us great pleasure to announce with our full concurrence. It is that in the transactions referred to Mr. CARSON is not chargeable with any act in any degree affecting his character as a public officer or as a citizen. On our doing, therefore, this act of justice to Mr. CARSON, he and his counsel have discontinued the suit against us, on our indemnifying Mr. CARSON against the expenses of the suit and the investigation before the Committee.

We published the report of the Investigating Committee at the time it was made, which, we are informed, was adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen by a vote of 15 to 4; but, for the better understanding of the subject, we now republish it:

"The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Assistant Aldermen to investigate the charges presented to the said Board by a number of the firemen connected with the Fire Department of the City of New-York, against ALFRED CARSON, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, respectfully

REPORT:

"That your Committee, in pursuance of the duty assigned to them, met at the Chamber of this Board on the 16th day of October last past, and then and there announced that they were ready to proceed with the investigation, and to take such testimony as might be offered on the part of the persons making the charges in relation to the subject matter of the inquiry, and might consider fit for his defence.

"That during the investigation, which has been continued through successive meetings, ANTHONY J. WILLARD, Esq., appeared before your Committee on behalf of the persons making the said charges, and HENRY F. MCGOWAN, Esq., also appeared on behalf of ALFRED CARSON, Chief Engineer.

"That Mr. M. CLAWGHAN, Clerk of this Board, also attended the sittings of this Committee, and assisted the Committee in presenting to you a correct statement of the proceedings had before them.

"That the testimony thus taken in substance, and your Committee have deemed it proper to present to this Board the whole of the testimony, for its information and determination, which testimony, together with the charges, are herewith submitted to the Board.

"Your Committee, in laying before the Board the testimony, state that every opportunity has been afforded each of the counsel to introduce testimony on behalf respectively, not merely for the purpose of satisfying the persons making the charge, nor the accused, but for the purpose of enabling your Committee to have a fair and full investigation of the subject matter referred to them.

"That the testimony was closed on the 14th day of December, inst., and on a subsequent day the respective counsel summed up the testimony before the Committee.

"After having heard all the testimony introduced, your Committee do not deem it improper to report to the Board their conclusions upon the testimony received by them, in relation to the charges preferred, on the ground that, they believe that the testimony which, in addition to them this investigation, an investigation of a subject matter most important, will respectfully return to the consideration of their Committee.

"Your Committee, therefore, in conclusion, respectfully report that they have carefully and fairly weighed the testimony introduced on both sides, and that, although, in so considering, they felt their position responsible, still under their oath of office they have their responsibility, and determined to give such judgment as the testimony would warrant, without prejudice or feeling; that acting under no other motive, they find bound to declare as their opinion, that none of the charges have been proven, and that no further action is necessary to be taken by this Board. And they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, that the charges made to this Board against ALFRED CARSON, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, be and the same are hereby dismissed for the want of proof, and that the said ALFRED CARSON is hereby acquitted of all and every one of said charges.

"WM. McCONKEY, } Committee.
"ISAAC O. BARKER, }

Professorship of Music in the Normal Schools.

Mr. RANDALL, City Superintendent of Schools, has warmly recommended to the Board of Education the appointment of a Professor of Music in the Normal Schools. His arguments are:

The introduction of music into most and institutions in our public schools, has become general, and has contributed the enjoyment of many and the highest and purest pleasures of education. Through its agency, too very great extent, a common recreation has been allowed in the school, against the prejudices of those institutions; and its charming and beautiful effects have been so strongly felt, that in many cases it has even carried upon the minds of the opposing. The time has arrived when this art and science are about to be scientifically taught in colleges, by the most competent professors, when every student of the science will be enabled to understand the principles of the science, with the ability to teach it to others, and to be able to teach it practically and effectually to the youth of the public schools, and thus to make the study of music a general and more thorough study in our schools.

New-York Daily Times.

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The Times for the Mails.

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Congressional.

The first and only serious business in the Senate yesterday, was the election of a Chaplain. Mr. SEWARD's joint resolution, providing for the election of Chaplains of different denominations by the two Houses, was the cause of a warm debate, in which Slavery and Anti-Slavery sentiments were very freely uttered. Senators from the South expressed their belief that the resolution was not offered so much from a desire to change the denomination of the Senate Chaplain, as to secure the election of an Abolitionist. At the close of the debate, Rev. Mr. SLICER, Southern Methodist, was elected. Mr. BENCHER received three votes.

In the House, the bill for the better preservation of life and property on the Long Island and Jersey coasts was reported, and, after a long and unimportant debate, it was passed. It authorizes the Secretary of the TREASURY to establish additional stations along the coast of Long Island and New-Jersey, and change other stations with a view of giving effect to the Act. It also provides for the appointment of Keepers and a General Superintendent. In Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. WALBRIDGE gave his views on on the Coal tariff. He examined the Coal statistics of the country; compared the facilities for its production at the place of consumption here and in other countries, together with the prices, and after showing the enormous demand for the article, he expressed an opinion strongly in favor of a repeal of all duty on foreign Coal.

Mr. Gladstone's Embarrassments.

The financial calculations of Mr. GLADSTONE may be looked upon as indicating that there has been no serious purpose in the British Cabinet of carrying on in earnest a war of *principles* against Russia's unprincipled rule. Far be it from us to doubt the soundness of that maxim of State economy, that the yearly income ought to cover the yearly expenses; but it is clear that when the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressed his resolution to adhere to that maxim as the one by which his exertions to provide for the means of carrying on the war should be guided, he was full of peace and good-will toward the Czar. The last budget was in fact a mere trap. A doubled income tax was laid on the people with the hope of checking its martial ardor, by making it pay dearly for it. Her Majesty's subjects were expected to enlist under the banners of the Peace Society, as soon as they should actually feel the price of enrolling under the flag of actual hostilities against the CZAR. But somehow or other, people paid and did not murmur. Patriotism, or perhaps pride, disappointed the Chancellor. The pocket proved warlike. NICHOLAS, on the other hand, unheeding the genteel hints of the modest budget which he was expected to comprehend in all its harmlessness, went on bullying the "sick man," and showing the most warlike intention. It is unnecessary to dwell upon subsequent events, so recent in everybody's memory. The battles in the Crimea are there to vindicate the peace policy of ARGYLE. War rages furiously, and has reached that point of complication where victory remains fruitless, defeat being not acceptable by either of the parties engaged as a basis of negotiations. Either the fall of Sebastopol, or the failure of the expedition, is sure to envenom hostilities, by the exasperation it will raise in one camp or the other. War, a grand war, in all its awful meaning, must, therefore, be accepted even by Mr. GLADSTONE, the forlorn hope of Manchester politicians; and so a budget of dimensions widely different from its predecessor must be thought of.

Accordingly our last advices from London informs us of the Ministerial intention to raise a loan. Posterity will, after all, have to bear part of the burdens created by the present struggle. It is a most awkward position for Mr. GLADSTONE, and he works hard to escape the reproach of inconsistency and the inevitable sneers of Mr. DISRAELI. There is some talk of raising the money à *la Napoleon*, and to call it a national subscription. French fraternization is to creep into the sanctuary of English finances. Credit is to be democratized. The people are to lend the money and to receive for it a paper currency, with interests looming in the future. The Bank of England frowns at the idea, and Sir ROBERT PEEL is disturbed in his grave.

These intentions are certainly not to the taste of a great many influential and honorable gentlemen, and Mr. GLADSTONE is not the last to dislike them. But what is to be done? Millions are vanishing rapidly in the *gurgite* vaste of the war. The Chancellor, in a final and hopeless attempt to save his reputation, proposed to raise once more the income tax, but a cry of alarm between his most intimate friends soon convinced him of the heinousness of such a scheme. The controversy would see no great increase of burden, by such a scheme, for a person of small income; but how could a nobleman content to pay £800 out of an income of £5000? Brown or Smith, with one hundred a year, would not feel the galling increase of taxation so much as would their lordships with thousands a year. Unfortunately for "good society," there cannot be an exception in favor of rich men, and so Mr. GLADSTONE is obliged to ask, *nolens volens*, for a loan. He was, we are informed, in favor of an Autumnal Parliamentary session, but the Cabinet did not feel quite firm after the battles on the 25th and the 5th. However, Parliament is to meet early after Christmas, and then we shall see to whom Mr. GLADSTONE will turn for money. We still think he will ask not the people, but the money-market.

Sebastopol.

We published a letter from Paris some days since containing new and important statements concerning the purposes of the Russians in regard to the defenses of Sebastopol. It was stated in that letter that they had *undermined* Sebastopol, and were prepared, in case of its capture, to blow up the works together with the victorious army, and to withdraw as many of their own troops as possible. From the source of this information, we had no doubt of its correctness;—and we find incidental confirmation of it in the statements of correspondents of the London press. Thus a letter in the London *Morning Herald* states that as the French, having pushed their trenches within 180 yards of the Russian Flagstaff battery, were carrying a mine forward under that battery, "*they came upon a Russian mine* containing eighteen hundred weight of powder, which they removed by countermining. And another letter in another number of the same paper says:

"Every preparation, I am informed, has been made in Sebastopol to repulse a storming party. In case of the south side being successfully stormed—which even after Alma the Russians do not believe to be possible—they intend to defend the fortress on the north to the last. For this purpose, all the steamers in the harbor keep up steam day and night, to tow over the line-of-battle ships to the south, and also *to remove the troops*. Preparations have likewise been made *to blow up the various works and fortifications as they are abandoned*. It is this latter precaution which will render the storming so bloody to the besiegers."

These things indicate a determination on the part of the Russians to recast the scenes of Moscow, and involve themselves in ruin for the sake of repelling the enemy.

The Middle States of Germany.

In order to comprehend the present dangerous situation of Prussia, and the powerful position now taken in Germany by Austria, it is necessary to glance over the policy of the smaller German States.

It is well known that one of the tactics of Russian diplomacy has ever been to set herself up as protector of the less powerful German States, defending them from all attempts of the great powers to deprive them of their sovereignty. This policy was necessary for Russia. By means of it they hindered the increase of any one of the greater powers, and prevented the general strengthening of Germany. When the Eastern question was agitated, particularly after Austria had taken up a more decided position against Russia, the latter sent agents to all the German Courts in order that they might work in her interest, but the success was not equal in all cases. Indeed, two distinct groups, of different tendency, were formed. One of these leaned toward Austria and the Western Powers, and the other upon Prussia and Russia.

To the first of these belonged Hanover, Baden, Elective Hesse and Nassau, and more particularly the Thuringian States, Coburg-Gotha at their head. The influence of the relationship between the ruling families cannot be overlooked. Hanover is related to the royal family of England; Coburg-Gotha, still more closely so, the husband of Queen VICTORIA being, as is well known, the brother of the reigning Duke of Coburg-Gotha. The latter married a sister of the Prince Regent of Baden, and through the widowed Grand-Duchess STEPHANIE, this house is related to the French Emperor. In regard to Elective-Hesse, the antipathy of 1850 against Russia, and gratitude toward Austria, seems to have taken effect. For Baden and Hanover, their geographical position was likewise decisive. For Baden was also an additional motive, that Bavaria went with Prussia, and that Baden, in consequence of claims of Bavaria upon part of her territory, was obliged to side with Austria.

The other party, friendly to Russia, consisted of Bavaria, the Kingdom of Saxony, Mecklenburg, which were joined in the second degree by Hesse Darmstadt and Würtemberg. In regard also to these States, relationship had a great influence, especially with Mecklenburg, Darmstadt, Würtemberg. Bavaria was likewise apprehensive for the Kingdom of Greece, and hoped upon the downfall of the Porte to witness its advancement to a Byzantine-Greek empire, absurd as such a hope in reality was. Support of the Russian policy seemed to her accordingly necessary. She hoped also to gain still more by its means. In case of war she concluded to take up again her old designs against the part of the Pfalz belonging to Baden, which she had never yet resigned, and very probably had assistance already pledged her by Russia. Besides the following consideration had its influence with all the powers friendly to Prussia. "If we go against Russia, and allow her to be humiliated, not only will the scarecrow, which we are accustomed to hold up to our people be lost, but also the ally who would save us from the mediatising projects of our great powers. Austria, especially, in gaining the Danubian principalities, would become much more influential, and thus we cannot support her."

Both parties among the German Governments now took the greatest pains to make proselytes. Of all the party, unfriendly to Russia, the Duke of Coburg showed the greatest zeal. This is the same Prince who was the battle of Echernförde against the Danes, who persevered longest in the struggle in favor of the independence of Schleswig-Holstein, who allowed the reactionary movement to have latest influence in his territory, and who most vigorously of all the German princes represented the idea of a great united Germany. The Duke of Coburg traveled around to the various Courts of Germany, in order to accomplish his anti-Russian league. He was in Paris and arranged an understanding between the French and Belgian Courts. Finally he went to Berlin in order to operate upon the mind of the King of Prussia, and spared nothing to succeed.

On the other hand, the party friendly to Russia was not idle. Their chief object was to arouse suspicion in regard to the conduct of the Duke of Coburg—ascribed his journey to Paris to a desire to reinstate the Kingdom of Poland under a Saxon prince, excited the King of Prussia to conduct himself in the most unfriendly manner towards him, etc. Finally Bavaria called an assembly of the middle States at Bamberg in order to consult in regard to their position in connection with the Eastern question; namely, the alliance of the 20th of April, which Prussia and Austria laid before the German Governments, in order to obtain their assent to it. The assembly took place in June, and in it were representatives from Bavaria, Saxony, Hanover, Würtemberg, Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt, Hesse-Cassel and Nassau.

The party friendly to Russia, Bavaria and Saxony at its head, now sought to overpower the conference at Bamberg, and to make their own policy the ruling one. They proposed nothing less than the formation of a programme, according to which the German middle States should follow an independent policy,—quite contrary to that of the great powers,—the object of which should be the support of Russia, opposition to the Western powers, and naturally refusal of every sort of aid from Austria in case the latter showed an intention to decide against Russia. But this programme met with the most decided opposition on the part of Hanover, Baden and Hesse-Cassel. Baden strove the most vigorously against it. This State succeeded in causing quite opposite measures to be proposed, and demanded from the German States a decided siding with the Western powers, and unconcealed proceedings against Russia. The others, however, did not go so far, and the result was, that neither party triumphed completely, but that they concluded to make mutual concessions. If the principal question in the Bamberg Conference had been whether they should pronounce Russia in the right or not, then without doubt the greater number of the States there represented would have declared themselves unconditionally against her. But Bavaria and Saxony succeeded in agitating quite another question. They said, namely, that Austria and Prussia, having formed together the alliance of April 20, without first asking the German Governments, and without allowing them a voice in the consultations, had thus allowed themselves an attack against the sovereignty of these Governments. If they afterwards came and demanded the assent of the German Governments to the alliance, that could only signify that these latter were vassals of the greater powers, and must act as those required. In order to uphold the independence of the States in face of this conduct of the great powers, it was advisable to decline agreeing in the alliance of April 20. Even the States in the Conference unfriendly to Russia coincided in this opinion, and thus at last all came to an agreement, which, arranged by Bavaria and Saxony, gave the impression that the Conference in reality wished to step into the lists for Russia.

It is not improbable that even at that time a drawing together on the part of Bavaria and the other States friendly to Russia on the one hand, and Prussia on the other, had taken place, notwithstanding that the Bamberg Conference was partly aimed at Prussia as one of the great powers, and notwithstanding that Prussia had expressed herself officially against the Conference. At all events, very soon after, in July and August, Prussia and the Bamberg States in favor of Russia, went together hand in hand. Indeed, it is not improbable that Prussia herself secretly encouraged the Conference, and called it into existence, and had from the beginning approved of the pro-Russian position there assumed, in order to preserve the middle States as allies against the conduct of Austria.

But all these intrigues had no actual result. The Press, indeed, spoke continually with such unconcealed rage against the Bamberg Conference, that the States *unfriendly to Russia who had been there represented*, at length secured themselves against every tendency in favor of Russia which had there appeared; that they even reproached Saxony and Bavaria with having given the Conference a very improper tendency, and that further, Bavaria and Saxony afterwards found it necessary to justify themselves in the eyes of the German public from the imputed sympathy with Russia, and that finally, all the German States—Mecklenburg excepted—upon the appointed day gave in their agreement with the treaty of April 20.

At this point, however, in view of the position of things, which daily became more serious, matters would not remain. When Austria became convinced of the necessity of a decided proceeding against Russia, she pressed Prussia to put her army on a war footing. Prussia declined this. Now a very lively interchange of communications upon this subject took place between these two Governments, and in the meantime Austria, with the sanction of the Porte and the Western powers, advanced into the Danubian principalities, while the Russians evacuated them. Prussia now declared the treaty of April 20 to be null, as the Russians had thus acted, and said that she herself was by no means any longer obliged to take an unfriendly attitude against Austria; that she considered the taking part by Germany in a Russian war unnecessary; and that she by no means agreed with the Austrian conception of the subject. In the meantime the press spread the most earnest reports in regard to Austria's equivocal behavior, asserting that she played the same game with Prussia, and repeating this so often that men otherwise sensible and patriotic allowed themselves to be deceived by it. Finally, in her note of Sept. 30, '54, Austria gave the most unequivocal declaration of her intention. She expressed her enmity to Russia, in the most open manner, and, to speak figuratively, kicked Prussia out of her way as a miserable power, with which nothing could be done. She declared herself determined to enter into no more negotiations with Prussia, and said that she would bring forward the Oriental question alone, separated from Prussia, at the meeting of the confederates. The energetic declaration had its effect. Since the middle of October, the German States friendly to Russia have gradually forsaken the Russian and Prussian camp, and all put themselves on the side of Austria, at whose request they have placed their armies on a war footing.

It is true that Prussia supported this proposition of Austria, and before it was brought before the meeting of the Allies, joined with her, but it was only because she would do nothing else, and wished by this means at least to preserve the appearance of being, as well as Austria, at the head of German affairs. In fact she has lost her initiative power, while for Austria, the way is opening to new power and greatness—the exposition of which we reserve to another article.

Our Supervisors not mean Men.

It is a jolly thing to have one's salary raised, and when the Board of Supervisors lately raised that of the Recorder from $3,000 a year to $3,500, they did a deed that the Recorder should hold them in thankful remembrance for. It is a little curious that they should do it just at this time when the changes in men's salaries are so generally for the worse rather than the better. But probably they have talked over the hard times and concluded to do what they can to avert them—from their favorites. Moreover when even Comptroller FLAGG, who has kept such watchful guard over the Treasury, estimates our taxes for next year at $13,000,000—the very sum for which the United States Government was administered by JOHN QUINCY ADAMS during one year of his Presidency and was bitterly reproached for his extravagance,—it is not strange that free-hearted men make up their minds to go in for what little of that snug sum they can lay hands on. Meanwhile the double taxe will be pleaded as an excuse by landlords to increase rents, and the poor fellows who can get no work and have no salaries to be raised must suffer for this supervisors' liberality. But that is the doctrine; to him who hath enough, give more, but the penniless grind to the dust.

☞ We publish on another page a detailed history of the siege of Sebastopol, in continuation of previous descriptions of the Eastern war, from the correspondence of the London Times. The interest of the incidents described is greatly enhanced by the spirit and graphic skill with which the letters are written. Mr. RUSSELL, the *Times* Correspondent, is acquiring a valuable reputation by his spirited history of the events of the Eastern war.

The sketches of the leading British Commanders on another page, written for the DAILY TIMES by a gentleman personally acquainted with most of them, will also be read with interest.

☞ We always receive with becoming meekness the amiable castigations of the *Tribune*, concerning the manner in which we see fit to edit the TIMES. But does not our neighbor fall into a popular error in attributing to TALLEYRAND the saying that "language was given to conceal our thoughts?" Our impression is that GOLDSMITH was the author of that pithy remark.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Although opposed to fictitious announcements—particularly where they affect the engagement of great artists—we welcome with entire satisfaction the promise of a new series of Operatic entertainments by the GRISI and MARIO Troupe. It is scarcely probable that we shall have ever such another, and we cannot retain it too long. We presume that the present season will be under the sole direction of Mr. HACKETT, and his enterprise alone has volunteered to brave the coldness of our New-York audience. So far as the "Committee" was concerned, the engagement of GRISI and MARIO terminated, we are informed, on Monday last. Individual enterprise is generally worthy of support, and especially so when it is of this excellent character. We hope Mr. HACKETT will be properly supported in his final effort to give to our public the best music the World can afford.

To-night is the first of the new season. "Semiramide" will be repeated, with both the leading artists. Do not neglect to see it.

Mr. Adams' Naturalization Bill.

The following is the bill introduced into the United States Senate yesterday, by Mr. ADAMS, of Mississippi, in reference to the naturalization laws:

Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act no alien shall be admitted to become a citizen of the United States unless he shall, at the time of his application to be admitted, declare and prove to the satisfaction of the Court having jurisdiction of the case, that he has resided in the United States twenty-one years at least; provided that any alien who may be a resident of the United States at the date of this act shall be entitled to all the third condition specified in the first section of the act approved April 14, 1802, of which this act is amendatory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the third condition specified in the first section of the act approved April 14, 1802, entitled "An act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the laws heretofore passed on that subject," as conflicts with the first section of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

EFFECTS OF KNOW-NOTHINGISM.—It is said that the principal eating-house keepers have discontinued the making of Irish *stew* since the recent triumphs of the Know-Nothings. They found it impossible to dispose of it. Our police reports, however, give evidence that there is no lack of Irish broil.

THE REIGN OF RAGS.—Just at this time, paper-makers, newspaper and book men have a great affection for rags. We are under a tyranny of rags. If a mine of rags should be discovered, it would be of more value than the auriferous hills of California. We believe if a prodigal son should happen to arrive about this time, (and there are several out,) the house would be made merry and the fatted calf killed, for the sake of the rags upon him, while he was set about again.—*Exchange.*

NEW-YORK CITY.

Meeting of the City Cartmen—Resistance to the City.

The Committee on Ordinances met last evening in the Chamber of the Board of Councilmen. A large number of the cartmen of the City were present by invitation. The object of the meeting chiefly was, to hear whatever objections might be urged against establishing an ordinance, requiring as a necessary qualification to obtain and retain licenses, that the party live within the precincts of the City. Also, to consider the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas There are many cartmen in this City who are compelled to evade the law, by having more carts than the ordinance provide for, which being detrimental to the interests of the City, inasmuch as moneys are thereby taken from the City Treasury, which would have been willingly paid towards repairing the streets, by having carts to do their work in the name of other persons or parties, and

Whereas, Every person should be protected in his business, and allowed to perform it without violating or infringing upon the ordinances of the City, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to frame an ordinance providing for as many carts being licensed as any cartman requires to do his work.

The Chairman, (Mr. KENNEDY) also read the following petition numerously signed:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New-York:

Your petitioners, the public Cartmen of the City of New-York, would respectfully petition your Honorable Body to repeal that part of the City Ordinance relating to Carts and Cartmen, requiring the public Cartmen to live with their families in the City. It is many years since that Ordinance was adopted by the City Council, and we believe at a time when the population of the City of New-York was very small when compared with its present population.

The very rapid growth of the City within the last few years renders it extremely difficult for the Cartmen to procure convenient accommodations for their families, and likewise stabling for their horses therein.

We do, therefore, most earnestly solicit your Honorable Body, to remove all legal objection to the Mayor of the City granting licenses to any citizen of Brooklyn, as now constituted, who has a good character, to be a Cartman or driver in said City.

Messrs. ELLIS, STEPHEN D. HALSTED and HUNT urged objections against the ordinance, chiefly based on the principle of their rights being infringed on by a compulsory residence within the precincts of the City. The ordinance now in existence was passed when it was the interest of cartmen to have all persons applying for licenses residents of the City, as a necessary protective measure for the cartmen. Now, however, it is the interest of cartmen to have this ordinance repealed in consequence of the increased value of property, the enormous rents, and lack of stabling. It was also stated that only 5,700 cartmen out of 10,000 pay license. The residue would willingly add $30,000 or $40,000 to the City Treasury, by taking out licenses, if allowed to reside outside the City. The difficulty of procuring a stand for carts in the City, the nuisance of stabling to the nighborhood, and the effects thereof on the general health of the City, were forcibly advanced.

The Committee adjourned *sine die* without announcing any decision.

The Board of Ten Governors.

A regular meeting of the Governors of the Almshouse was held in the Rotunda at 4 P. M. yesterday. Governors DRAPER, (President,) SMITH, HENRY, DUOBO, CONOVER and PINCHNEY were present.

The requisitions for the week were read and disposed of in the usual manner. The following exhibits the number of inmates in the different institutions under the control of the Department for the week ending Dec. 9, 1854:

Bellevue Hospital, 749; Lunatic Asylum, 545; Almshouse, 1,273; Penitentiary, 517; Penitentiary Hospital, from Penitentiary, 353; Penitentiary Hospital, from Workhouse, 100; Penitentiary Hospital, from Almshouse, 15; Workhouse, 874; Small-Pox Hospital, 4; Randall's Island, 918; Randall's Island Hospital, 220; City Prison, 236—whole number, 5,794. Increase, 164. Number remaining Dec. 2, 5,600; admitted, 757—5,477. Died, 20; discharged, 580; sent to Penitentiary, 70; sent to State Prison, 4—682. Total, 5,794.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Board some time since, communications were received from Wardens of the different institutions giving a list of inmates in their respective institutions who have resided in the United States less than five years, and are, therefore, properly chargeable to the Commissioners of Emigration. The communication was referred to the Special Committee on the subject. The statements show that these are of this class of persons at the present time in

Bellevue Hospital, 26; Almshouse, 8; Workhouse, 173; Penitentiary Hospital (Blackwell's Island,) 113; Lunatic Asylum, 106. Total, 426.

No other business of importance was transacted.

Church Recognition and Installation.

The Twentieth-street Congregational Church (between Sixth and Seventh-avenues) was formally recognized, and its Pastor, Rev. JONATHAN GRANT, late of Attleboro, Mass., was regularly installed its Pastor, last evening. A large number were present to witness the exercises. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. CHEEVER. Rev. F. E. M. BATCHELDER, of Brooklyn, read the Articles and Covenant, and made the Constituting Prayer. Rev. Jos. P. THOMPSON gave the charge to the Pastor and congregation, and Rev. HENRY BELDEN extended the fellowship of the churches. Revs. W. S. SMITH, Dr. BUSCHARD and Mr. CLARK also assisted in the services.

This Church is a plain and commodious one, and has been erected and furnished at an expense of between $19,000 and $20,000. It is in a very prosperous condition.

Serious Riot in White-street.

Yesterday morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock, a serious disturbance occurred at the dance-house of Captain KERRIGAN, No. 22 White-street. It seems an Irish entertainment came off at this place, for the benefit of some poor woman who recently lost her husband, and was left in a very destitute condition. After a night's enjoyment, the parties had a desperate quarrel among themselves, and clubs, bayonets, tumblers, and other weapons, were brought into requisition. They battled quite sharply for a few moments, when, owing to some person crying "A man is killed!" the combatants desisted. During the *melée*, one of the party, named JERRY MULLINS, received a shocking wound in the abdomen, and was carried away with the blood flowing copiously. An alarm was speedily sounded in the street, and Officers PETTIT and DARBY, of the Fifth Ward, forthwith entered the premises, and arrested JOHN KING, PATRICK LEONARD, and TERRANCE LEONARD, who were taking a lead in the row. They were all locked up, and the injured man was conveyed to the City Hospital, and properly cared for.

Anti-Slavery Lectures—Rev. Antoinette Brown.

The second of this Winter's course of Anti-Slavery Lectures was delivered last night in the Tabernacle, by ANTOINETTE BROWN, before a very large audience. She advanced with considerable length and with ability the arguments employed by her sex against Slavery, and expressed her belief that modern Slavery was the foster-child of modern politics. She condemned in most emphatic terms the political subserviency under which the sex labored. Every department of public life was a standing testimony, she said, that man could not do the world's work well and do it alone. [Applause.] And never would oppression cease on the earth, never would human brotherhood prevail, until woman was admitted to a perfect political equality with man, and enabled to join him in the work of removing oppression, whether physical or mental, and promoting truth, morality, liberty and religion everywhere.

The Fashionable Season—Grand Ball of Lady Washington Engine Company.

The Grand Annual Ball of "Lady Washington" Engine Company, No. 49, came off last evening at NIBLO'S. The Committee of Arrangements spared neither pains nor expense in making preparations for this brilliant affair, and the attendance was very large. Among those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were many of the most distinguished gay fashionables of New-Yorkdom. The fair sex were generally admired, both for personal beauty and the fine taste they displayed in their style of dress. The "Lady Washington" was honored with the company of Ex-Mayor Crowley, Capt. FRITZ, and other Philadelphians of distinction.

City Railroad—Loss of Life—Nobody to Blame.

Yesterday morning the Coroner held an inquest at No. 9 Pell-street, on the body of PETER WEBB, who died of injuries received on the Second-avenue Railroad, on Sunday evening. The verdict rendered was as follows:

"We, the Jury, find that the deceased came to his death from the effects of injuries received by being run over by car No. 33 on the Second-avenue Railroad, at the corner of Chatham and Oliver-streets, on the 10th of December, 1854. We further state, that we exonerate the driver and conductor from all blame."

Deceased was aged 60 years, and was born in Ireland.

Bold Burglars—A Man Shot.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning a number of thieves broke into the office of Messrs. LOPEZ & DAVIS, foot of Eighteenth-street, East River, and filed the keyhole of the safe and blow it open, but succeeded in obtaining nothing. Two men, who were near at the time attending a sick horse, on hearing the report went out, and met one of the burglars coming from the office with a pistol in his hand. As soon as he noticed them he fired, and his shot took effect in the thigh of one of them, named MICHAEL LIDDY. The alarm was immediately given, and the police soon arrived, but the villains had made good their escape. LIDDY was removed to his residence, No. 177 East Sixteenth-street, where a doctor was sent for, who pronounced him in a dangerous condition.

Col. Benton Coming.

We find this in the *Evening Post*:

"Mr. BENTON is engaged to lecture this week in New-York and Philadelphia on the subjects embraced in his discourse before the Maryland Institute at Baltimore on the 5th instant. The week following he will address the people of Boston, who have never before had the opportunity of listening to the great Missouri statesman. It is easy to predict for him an enthusiastic welcome. His popularity with the masses has never been so high as now."

☞ Mr. G. A. DIX, No. 10 Park-place, has purchased the interest of Messrs. T. L. MCELRATH & Co. in the American issue of *Household Words* and the *Illustrated Magazine of Art*. Both these works for December contain their accustomed variety of excellent matter.

☞ A splendid bull and cow were landed yesterday from the ship *Palestine*, from London. They were imported by P. T. BARNUM for his farm near Bridgeport, Conn.

☞ A new and improved Washing-Machine, in use at the Astor House, is advertised in our columns this morning. It appears to combine a number of advantages not before realized.

☞ In the Broadway Bank case, which has been on trial in the Superior Court for several days past, the Jury yesterday returned a verdict of $2,000 for the plaintiff—JAMES S. GIBBONS.

☞ Will Mr. WILLIAM S. HORTON, Visitor of the Poor, oblige the Editor of the TIMES by calling at the Office to-day between 1 and 2 o'clock?

☞ The *Prohibitionist*, a monthly journal, devoted to the Temperance cause, is published at Albany, upon a handsome quarto sheet, under the auspices of the State Temperance Society, at the very low price of *fifty cents* a year for single copies—fifty copies being sent for eleven, and one hundred for twenty dollars. It is edited by W. H. BURLEIGH, an able, spirited, and effective writer, and enlists the aid of various valuable contributors. Those interested in the cause of Temperance will find in this paper an exceedingly useful and efficient ally. Its circulation is very large and its influence correspondingly great. We commend it to public attention and favor.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

JOUVIN'S GLOVES.—WE HAVE RECEIVED BY steamer *Africa*, (made for our sales,) direct from this well-known manufacturer, a large invoice of gentlemen's Kid Gloves, adapted in color, style and quality to the approaching holidays. LEARY & CO.,
Hatters, Astor House, Broadway.

R. R. R. No. 12.—A THANKFUL EPICURE.
"I am a lover of good living. I know what it is to suffer the want of an appetite. For six years I was so afflicted that I could eat nothing that gave me pleasure in eating. Sometimes I would fancy a certain dish, but when it was put before me I could not relish it, and I could not digest the meal, since I could feel without inserting to digestive pills. I was troubled with heart-burn, sour stomach, flatulency. If I took a glass of brandy or wine, or smoked a cigar, I would feel the most disagreeable sensations in my stomach. But all this I have conquered. I commenced taking RADWAY'S REGULATORS—took one every third night; the first dose gave me ease—I could eat whatever I wanted, and without suffering. RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, in a few minutes, will stop the heart-burn. RADWAY'S REGULATORS are the best medicine, in the form of pills I have ever taken; and I have taken over one hundred boxes of different kinds. I TAKE TWO REGULATORS at 12 at night, I have a pleasant evacuation of the bowels by 6 o'clock in the morning; I then relish my meals."

J. D. HAMILTON, No. 2[illegible] Hst-st., New-York."

RADWAY'S REGULATORS are a superior, as a family physic, to all pills in use. Of a mild character, they are three will purge from the system all morbid and corrupt humors.

N. B.—R. R. Remedies are sold by druggists everywhere. RADWAY & CO., Proprietors of RADWAY'S READY RELIEF and REMOVATING RESOLVENT. Office No. 162 Fulton-st., up-stairs, New-York.

SEASON OF FURS.—GENIN, No. 214 BROADWAY, solicits the attention of the ladies to his magnificent assortment of superb Furs, made up in the newest and most fashionable styles, and consisting of full sets of Sinclair's Very Sable, Russian Sable, Royal Russian, Stone Marten, Chinchilla, Black Marten, Mink, &c. His stock of Mink, Tiflaine and Griffe, is to be without a rival, and has passed by any ever submitted to the good taste and judgment of the ladies of New-York and vicinity. At the same stock of Gentlemen's Fur and Plush Caps, of the most recherche patterns, constantly changing with every day, also just been opened and ready for inspection by those who require the Furs of Winter, are invited to call and examine them. Ladies' Fur and Fur Sets, together with an elegant variety of lovely Hats for Children.
GENIN, No. 214 Broadway, opposite St. Paul's Church.

SEBASTOPOL IS NOT YET TAKEN—AND THE new styles of Hats for the latest mode by INGRAHAM, cannot be taken either. They are the go place with a degree and fashion, combining beauty of shape and durability of texture. *Gentlemen of fashion* and refinement are aware of this fact, and so, at the commencement of each season, call at KNOX'S up-town show-room, in the Prescott House, No. 165 Broadway, corner of Maiden-lane, in the Prescott House, No. 165 Broadway, corner of Maiden-lane, opposite to them, at his long established stand, No. 128 Fulton-st.

HYATT'S PULMONIC BALSAM.—IN ALL COMplaints of the lungs, chest, throat, &c., such as old and trifling coughs, pain in the breast and side, spitting blood, asthma, and it will be found the most sovereign remedy. Principal Depot, No. 347 Grand-st. 75 cents per bottle; six for $4.

GREAT BARGAINS TO BE HAD IN CELEBRATED Pianos and Melodeons, to be selected from the largest assortment in the United States. Each instrument guaranteed. Second-hand Pianos at from $25 to $75. Pianos to rent. Cash paid for second-hand Pianos.
HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway.

HYATT'S LIFE BALSAM.—RHEUMATISM IN THE most painful forms, also scrofula, old ulcers, and the worst cases of disease of the blood, dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidneys, incipient consumption, &c., are most certainly cured by this great purifier. Principal Depot, No. 347 Grand-st. 75 cents per bottle.

SWEDISH HAIR CREATOR—THESE VEGETABLE preparations, comprising a Bottle of Liquid and Jar of Pomade, are for sale by all the principal druggists, and at the Agent, No. 308 Broadway, corner of White-st. Price $1 for the two.

PLAID CASSIMERES AT 3s. PER YARD.—JUST received, a large stock of double width Plaid Cassimeres at 3s. Also, Delaines, Merinoes, Poplins, &c., equally cheap.
R. H. LEADBEATER,
No. 347 Broadway, corner Leonard-st.

SOMETHING NEW.—HOLIDAY BONNETS AT GENIN'S BAZAAR.—Ladies are invited to call and examine a Bonnet of entirely new shape and material, designed expressly for the Holidays. To be worn on CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec. 25. GENIN'S BAZAAR,
No. 214 Broadway.

GO TO NO. 68 BROADWAY THIS EVENING AND witness the greatest Religious performance that has ever taken place. PERHAPS people will be there in full force, for the amusement of the people, and as they never do things by halves, a rare entertainment may be expected. Don't forget the place, 68 Broadway.

THE SWITZERLAND HOUSE—ON THE SUPERFINE FLAT, Broadway, corner of Houston-st., Boston, is open a day, and with parlors adjoining, all adjacent. The proprietor invites the patronage of Boston as well as strangers. See advertisement under "Boston," in this paper.

SILKS—SILKS.—PERSONS WISHING SILK AND cotton Silks, will find it to their advantage to examine the extensive stock of LAMONTAGNE, No. 347 Broadway, as he is selling Silks and every other kind of Dry Goods, cheaper than any other establishment in the City.

CORNELIUS BAKER & CO. RESPECTFULLY AN-nounce that the fire at their works in Cherry-st. will not cause a stoppage of their operations, as the business will be transferred to their other manufactories.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants.—Persons wanting Fruit Trees, or the Garden, Grape Vines, Flowers and Ornament, with all the recent introductions, at very low rates. Descriptive price Catalogues gratis. Orders sent to New-York. Ornamental and other trees shipping free to any part of the country. Address B. M. WATSON, Old Colony Nurseries, Plymouth, Mass.

☞ Holloway's Hessian Salve—25 Cents a Box.—A Remedy of 40 years' standing—a sure and speedy cure of Burns, Scalds, Bruises and all external injuries, recommended by physicians. Sold by all druggists in the United States. A. B. & D. SANDS, C. V. CLICKENER & CO., C. H. RING, New-York; and WM. E. SINNER, Philadelphia. BEDDING & CO., Boston.

☞ Sayers, Blossom Controlled and Compelled.—Three-fourths of the physical pain endured by the human race proceeds from affections of the nerves. The peculiar agony of neuralgia, rheumatism, gout, tic, and kindred pains, is a constant inactive state that first attacks some portion of the outward nervous system, and ultimately directly to an unnatural condition of the nervous system. The weakness are a prey to a variety of evils, the many evils be enumerated. The nerves are the cause of all pain. Kill the nerve of a tooth, that tooth and the pain ceases. Destroy the nerve of a limb, and it is paralyzed. Render all the nerves of the human tenement insensible, and you produce death. Of what immense importance, then, must be a preparation be that will infuse health, vigor, and a preparation be that energy into the nervous establishment of physical agents, as the nervous system. Experience has proved, the world knows, the record shows, that DR MORSE'S INVIGORATING CORDIAL will produce these almost miraculous effects. If a person could witness the changes it brings about in the system of those who are "ready to perish," how it banishes melancholy, imparts vigorous energy, fills up and furnishes the emaciated, and imparts new life to the exhausted, he would be astonished. Price $1 per bottle, two for $3, six for $15. C. H. RING, Proprietor, No. 2 John-st., N. Y. Sold by Druggists throughout the United States and Canada.

☞ Temperance Reformation.—To the Temperance Committee of Ward Twelve and Vicinity.—A few weeks since, we, the undersigned, invited you to a similar call as the present, to notify the temperance made by the Ward Committee appointed for the others of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. You nobly responded to our call. Although we failed to receive the votes of our Thursday, the first inst., we day of reckoning, and the other citizens of our ward, we, and other citizens, at the glorious success of our Friend; and to assemble in the evening at the Lecture Room of Tabernacle, all of every Order, Society and Association, Temperance and Anti-Liquor, for congratulations and mutual congratulations. The public at large, are invited to attend.

William H. Poore, Theodore L. Cuyler,
Robert H. McCurdy, Thomas Denny,
James Hooper, John W. Oliver,
James Graham, Peter C. Ellis,
Amos G. Phelps, R. C. Andrews,
C. C. North, Samuel Foster,
John Mason, J. W. Kellogg,
Jacob Lorigh, C. Hoover,
Theodore McNamee, Moses T. Hewit,
Charles J. Warren.

☞ German Lectures.—No. 724 Broadway.—A series of six German Lectures will be delivered at Hope Chapel on THURSDAY EVENING of each week, commencing on THURSDAY EVENING, 14th inst., at 8 o'clock, on subjects of Geography, History and Literature. The Lectures will be delivered by W. LOEWE, A. WIESNER, A. BOECHER, C. SCHRAMM, G. A. WIELITZUNG and F. KAPP. The first lecture will be delivered by Dr. LOEWE. Subject—Geography of Asia. Tickets for the course, $1 50 each; tickets, 25 cents. To be had at the door; at SCHARFFENBERG'S LUM, No. 722 Broadway, S. WESTERMANN, No. 464 Broadway, W. RADDE, No. 292 Broadway, SCHMIDT, No. 291 William-st.; C. F. GUENTHER, No. 14 North William-st.; DUNG, No. 63 Bowery.

☞ Universal Industrial Home Association, No. 2.—The guarantee members are hereby notified that Mr. Sweeney has been duly authorized to collect all arrearages, and will also receive payments at his residence, No. 140 Sackett-st., on EVERY EVENING, except Saturday, and on Saturday, from 5 to 10 o'clock P. M. It will be necessary for each and every member to pay the sum of $125 per quarter now, which sum must be paid by the end of the present month, and all lots unpaid for will be sold at public auction on the evenings of the above date at No. 140 Sackett-st.

N. B.—The regular meetings of the Association are held every WEDNESDAY EVENING, at No. 165 Bowery.

By order of the Association.
J. ANDREW HANDSCHUCH, Secretary.

☞ Anniversary of the New-York City Tract Society.—The Twenty-eighth Anniversary of the New-York City Tract Society, and the Thirty-second of the Female Branch, will be held at the Reformed Dutch Church, Lafayette-place, WEDNESDAY, 13th December, 1854, when the annual reports will be presented, and donations received in cash and subscriptions towards the support of the Society the coming year; and incidental business transacted. Addresses may be expected from Rev. A. D. GILLETTE, of the Baptist Church; Rev. J. M. REID, of the Presbyterian Church; and Rev. E. E. Cronise, Jr., D.D., of the Congregational Church. All persons who feel interested in promoting the best interests of their fellow-men are very cordially invited to be present.

☞ Balm of Thousand Flowers.—Have you tried the Balm of Thousand Flowers? It is the wonder of the world for beauty. It cleans the skin till each blush shines through like a ray gleam on the morning dew. It banishes freckles and Pimples and Tan. It makes the face feel as soft as down; it renders shaving a luxury, healthes cuts. All blotches and shags like dark clouds from the moon. And would you the far-famed manufacturers know? Why, forsooth, it's worth your cash.—FERRIDGE & Co., Sole Agents, 374 Fulton-st., N. Y. Sold by all Druggists. Price 50 cents.

☞ To the Editor: Seeing that efforts are making by some of the Press, together with those gentlemen styled Brokers in Cattle, to discourage drovers and farmers from bringing their stock to market, for sale on Monday, hoping thereby to break down the opposition of those who are opposing their course, I feel bound to notify all such, that I am ready and willing to buy in the aforesaid cattle, I feel in unison drovers and farmers that on Monday last, 11th inst., there were some four hundred head of cattle in the Washington Drove Yard, and all sold for cash and good prices, and not half a dozen broker present. N. Y.

AN ANTI-MONOPOLIST.

☞ Mechanics' Society Lectures, 1854-5.—FIRST COURSE.—Commencing at 7½ o'clock.
Dec. 14—Rev. A. A. WILLETS.—Rome.
Jan. 4—Rev. THOMAS STARR KING.—Constitution of Great and Independent States.
Jan. 18—Rev. THOMAS STARR KING.—Patriotism and Slave.
Jan. 29—JAMES T. BRADY, Esq.—Trial by Jury.
J. A. BUNTING, Chairman.

☞ No. 144 Chatham-street, near Varick.—W. & T. FAN HOUSE Store Store.—We have a large assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furs, of the most desirable sorts, sleeves and muffs lined with ermine and sable, gloves and muffs lined with ermine and sable, gloves and muffs lined with ermine and sable, sleeves and muffs, and fine Sable muffs, fine ermine. Also, ermine stoles, fine sable stoles, fine ermine. Also, ermine stoles, fine sable stoles, fine ermine. Also, ermine stoles, fine sable stoles

Affairs in Mexico.

With complete files of Mexican journals before us, it is almost impossible to arrive at any conclusion relative to the state of the country, either of the Government or people. The condition of the country is sufficiently plain—as full of commotion, disorder, almost political disorganization. But what the disaffected are doing, and what progress they make, we have to gather from isolated parts, transpiring through presses subject to Government surveillance, and tinged with the hues which the Government chooses to impart to them. The suppression of much that is known to have occurred looks bad for the Government. The journals of the capital refrain, with marked caution, from expressing any opinion whatever upon public affairs. The only intelligence they contain in regard to the progress of the revolutionary movement is in a series of official bulletins of victories over the insurgents, which, if true, would long since have extirpated them; but somehow they rise again continually, to be beaten again in the bulletins. The silence of the Mexican press at this time offers a marked contrast to the impetuous denunciations with which the journals were filled during the progress of the revolution, two years ago, against ARISTA. We can only ascribe the absence of editorial comment on these stirring events of daily occurrence to the stringent censorship by the Government over the editorial leaders, and the absence of any zeal on the Government side. The *Trait d'Union*, which is published in the French language, publishes the daily reports of route and victories, with the significant remark that it abstains from all comment, "for reasons which will be readily comprehended." If its commentary were favorable to the party in power, there is no reason for abstaining; on the contrary, the expression of its opinions would be gladly welcomed. The deduction, therefore, is unavoidable, that it keeps silence because it has only reverses to record, which it cannot well safely do under the tyranny of the dictator over the press.

An attentive examination of the facts as they have reached us, strengthens the impressions to which this view of the case leads.

A few months since President SANTA ANNA led a large and well-appointed army into the State of Guerrero. At that time General ALVAREZ presented the only resistance which appeared throughout Mexico to the sway of SANTA ANNA. With a considerable force he besieged ALVAREZ in Acapulco, the chief city of Guerrero, and the headquarters of the insurrection. This siege he afterwards raised with some precipitation, withdrew his army and returned to the City of Mexico. There he announced, amidst pompous rejoicings, his triumph over the insurgents, and the complete suppression of the insurrection.

About the same time signs of discontent began to make their appearance in the State of Michoacan, the adjoining State on the Pacific, North of Guerrero. The discontented and their movements are first noticed in the Mexican city papers, as bands of robbers prowling about the country. Shortly after, however, we hear of their being defeated and driven from towns which we never before heard that they had taken. Lately they are recognized in the same papers as organized bands of insurgents against the Government, consisting of various parties of several hundreds each, and having for their political war cry, "No more Congresses."

With the exception of the late feeble demonstration in the State of Tamaulipas, on the frontier of Texas and the Gulf, the risings against SANTA ANNA's Government were bulletins and newspapers confined to these two States. The Tamaulipas movement was speedily put down by the forces under Gen. WOLL.

But of late the Government papers give accounts of victories over insurgents in other places, where they have not previously announced that there was any insurrection. We have bulletins of defeats by the Government troops of large parties of the insurgents in the States of Jalisco and Guanajuato, and even in the central district of Mexico itself, while the operations against ALVAREZ dwindle down to a few reputed skirmishes on the inland frontier of the State of Guerrero, which would thus appear to be abandoned to ALVAREZ. Jalisco is one of the most populous of the Mexican States, and is the same that gave the first great impulse to the revolution against Gen. URAGA. The tidings that SANTA ANNA is fighting in Jalisco look ominous for him. If the people there have taken up the insurrection, it is likely to become, and speedily, too strong for SANTA ANNA, and rumor begins to be busy with his preparations to retire before it.

The most singular event that we find in the late news, is the appeal to popular suffrage (the Plebiscite) which SANTA ANNA has instituted. It is a following in the footsteps of LOUIS NAPOLEON, and with about as much real freedom in the popular suffrage. By a special decree, books are ordered to be opened throughout the Republic on the 1st of December, in which voters are to inscribe their wishes whether the present extraordinary powers held by SANTA ANNA shall be continued to him. One book is provided for those who desire to inscribe an affirmative, and another for the negatives. The voter must write his name with his own hand, in the presence of an officer of the Government; and if he votes against continuing the power with SANTA ANNA, he is required to state who it is he would prefer. Other formalities are prescribed to make it more complicated, but it is evident that the whole voting is to be done under the intimidation of the Government, and that the result will be exactly what SANTA ANNA desires, and that the only effect of the inscription will be to furnish him with a list of his most decided opponents.

There is no limitation now to the term by or tenure by which SANTA ANNA holds his power, and it is therefore a mystery why he should have recourse to this singular proceeding, unless it be to obtain an appearance of popular strength, and to be able to track and identify those who may be dangerous in opposition. There is evidently something behind which is unavowed, but which is considered worthy of this extraordinary step—a *coup d'état* or a crisis meditated—but what can we do more than merely conjecture. Yet it is evident that an insurrectionary feeling is widespread—that insurrectionary movements are taxing all the power of the Government to put them down, and suppress a public knowledge of them except by official reports, and that SANTA ANNA, received two years ago with hosannas, as a deliverer, has disappointed the hopes entertained of him, and is struggling for political existence with a discontented and turbulent people.

Consistency of Southern Politicians.

From the Richmond (Va.) Examiner.

The man who holds no opinion of his own, and who boasts to have never differed from his party in any act or thought of his life, is more apt to be a demagogue than a statesman. True consistency lies in fidelity to one's convictions of duty, however changing; and he is the safe politician who boldly avows and bravely adheres to those convictions under all circumstances. It is remarked that all the really great women the world has produced have held peculiar notions on the point of virtue. It is certain that the greatest statesmen of our own country have been distinguished for their political inconsistency. Even JEFFERSON himself repudiated in the writings from Monticello the Anti-Slavery principles to which the prime of his life had been devoted.

JACKSON went into the Executive office advocating some of the worst measures of the Federalists, proclaimed during his administration the most alarming and arrogant Federal dogmas, and yet laid down the reins of Government with the merited reputation of hero and champion of State Rights. CALHOUN, the honest politician, the Cato of his day, *may be quoted on both sides of almost every great measure of public policy.* Honesty, fidelity, capacity—the Jeffersonian tests—these, at last, are the true qualifications for office. Consistency, in the vulgar acceptation, belongs oftener to the demagogue and ignoramus than to the honest politician and the capable statesman. These high personal qualities which make us love, admire, and trust in men, belong oftener to the rash, impulsive, and brave, than to the cautious, calculating, and "consistent." If you judge Mr. WISE by by the rule of his life, we admit that, in our opinion, he has few claims to consistency. But if you judge him by the impulses of his nature, and the fidelity and chivalric bravery of his adherence to them, the verdict in his favor is emphatic and beyond question.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—THIS DAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 1, 19, 1[illegible]. [illegible] CIRCUIT.—Nos. 371, 319, 1002, 1[illegible], 1079, [illegible], 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 7[illegible], 1107, 1[illegible].

COMMON PLEAS.—Nos. 1079 to 1079, 1081, 1082 to 1090, [illegible].

SUPERIOR COURT.—Nos. 1[illegible], 1[illegible], 1[illegible],

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY H. H. LEEDS & CO.—THURSDAY, 14th and FRIDAY, 15th, at 10½ o'clock each day, at the extensive warerooms of F. S. Cook, Esq., on the premises, Dey-st., between Washington and West-sts., will be sold, by order of the assignee, the valuable Cabinet Furniture, being the assortment of the three well known manufacturers, in the best possible, without reserve, consisting of

Parlor Furniture.—Elegant rosewood sofa in every variety, chairs, fine Parlor Furniture, Sofas and covered and gilt Rocking do. of 1, 2 and 3 seaters, hair cloth, reversible, 36 x 4 x 18 in. whp. parlor, gothic, and rocking chairs; also centre and side tables with statuary marble tops, mirrors and Mirrors, etc., extra fine Brussels and other suitable Carpets to form large sets to match; also an entire rosewood furniture richly carved and upholstered, ready for covering, which will be considered in brocade or brocatelle to suit the purchaser, at a greatly reduced price; a complete assortment of furniture in plush and hair cloth, in every variety of pattern, for the Holidays.

Dining-room and Library Furniture in oak, rosewood, mahogany and black walnut comprising elegant extension dining tables, buffets, sideboards elaborately carved, with marble tops; chairs and sofas covered in different colored morocco, plush and hair cloth; side tables, butler's stands, &c.

Bedroom Furniture.—Rosewood, mahogany and black walnut bedsteads, bureaus, dressing and single stands, wardrobes, elegantly carved, in suits or single, with chairs and lounges to match, upholstered and covered in the best material.

Cottage Furniture, richly enameled and decorated, of every variety and pattern.

Hall furniture, tables and chairs in rosewood, oak and pine, of the most desirable styles.

Office and counting-room furniture in rosewood, mahogany, black walnut and oak, consisting of desks, wardrobes, counters, office tables, chairs, bookcases and tables, &c.

Also, a variety in housekeeping and domestic, and a large variety of miscellaneous furniture articles.

The entire contents of the Depository and must be complete at the sale, as the season and will positively be sold without reserve, consisting of

Fancy Furniture.—Elegant rosewood sofa in every variety, chairs, fine Parlor Furniture, Sofas and covered and gilt Rocking do. of 1, 2 and 3 seaters, hair cloth, reversible, 36 x 4 x 18 in. whp. parlor, gothic, and rocking chairs; also centre and side tables with statuary marble tops, mirrors and Mirrors, etc., extra fine Brussels and other suitable Carpets to form large sets to match; also an entire rosewood furniture richly carved and upholstered, ready for covering, which will be considered in brocade or brocatelle to suit the purchaser, at a greatly reduced price; a complete assortment of furniture in plush and hair cloth, in every variety of pattern, for the Holidays, to this sale, offering

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MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at All Saints Church, by the Rev. William H. Tyng, Rector, GEORGE A., son of Adrian H. Van Rensselaer, (Cortlandt,) to MARY P., daughter of Alexander Hamilton, M. D., all of this City.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, by the Rev. W. R. Barton, D. D., Rev. J. H. DURYEA to Miss SARAH JANE DURYEA, daughter of the late John Durkee, both of this City.

In Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, Dec. 6, by Rev. Mr. Ward, Mr. DAVID H. BRIGGS to Miss MARTHA SLOOT, all of the above place.

In San Juan, Cuba, on Tuesday, Dec. 5, by Rev. E. S. Lovejoy, Gen. CHENEY, of New-York, and CARRIE A., daughter of the late Elias Birchard, Esq., of the former place.

In Newark, N. J., on Sunday, Dec. 3, by Rev. A. Varick Cook, Mr. J. HENRY TAYLOR to Miss FRANCES ALMY, all of this City.

At Hermosillo, on Sunday, Nov. 26, by Rev. J. A. Rolph, Mr. ANDREW E. CHARLES to Miss AMELIA C., daughter of Rev. A. Burke, of this City.

DIED.

In this City, on Monday, Dec 11, ELLEN JANE McQUILLAN.

Her friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Wednesday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of Mr. Erwin Mead, No 74 7th-st.

In this City, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, MARY, only daughter of Samuel and Helen Coles, aged 3 years and 7 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 297 Spring-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood.

Boston papers please copy.

In this City, on Monday, Dec. 11, of lingering illness, WILLIAM HENRY GROW, son of Mrs. Maria L. Grow, in the 15th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of his grandfather, the late Francis D. Allen, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, at the Amity-st. Baptist Church, corner of Wooster-st., this day, (Wednesday,) at 2 o'clock.

In this City, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, after a short illness, CATHERINE D., infant daughter of Wm. C. and Charlotte L. Bradley.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 258 Broome-st., at 10 o'clock, this (Wednesday) morning, without further invitation.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, after a lingering consumption, at the residence of his brother-in-law, John Wilkin, No. 142 Norfolk-st., GEORGE FREDERICK COHN, late of Montreal, Canada, in the 30th year of his age.

His friends and acquaintances, and those of his brother-in-law, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. His remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

Montreal papers please copy.

In Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 11, THERESA, wife of V. R. Grice, after a lingering illness, aged 48 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Wednesday, 13th, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, corner of Gates and Franklin-ave., Brooklyn.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets, see Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 12.

$1,000	Virginia 6s	89 3/4	250	Cumb Coal Co	25 3/8
2,000	do	89 3/4	100	do	25 3/8
20,000	Harlem 1st M.	86	10	do	25 3/8
1,000	Income Bds	94	200	do	b10 25
14,000	Ill Cen. R. Bds	84	50	do	c30 25
1,000	do	83 3/4	100	do	c2 25
10,000	do	b60 83	100	N. Y. Central R.	c30 81
1,000	do	84	50	do	c30 81
6,000	N. Y. C. & H. R.	101	50	do	c30 81
1,000	do	c5 101	100	do	81
25	Continental Bank	80	100	do	25 81
5,000	Michigan Cent.	77	17	Chicago & Rock Isl	R. 74
1,000	R. & P. G. Co.	cpn 125	100	Erie Railroad	c5 23
1,000	do	b30 125	100	do	23
100	Canton Co	c5 17½	50	do	b3 23
40	Penn. Coal Co	c5 60	100	do	c5 23
200	Nic. Transit Co	17½	50	do	s30 23
200	do	c 17½	200	do	23
100	do	c 17½	200	do	c5 23
100	do	b3 17½	50	do	23
200	do	c5 17½	100	Harlem Railroad	b60 23
200	do	b4 17½	200	do	c5 23
200	do	b60 17½	200	Reading Railroad	c5 50
200	do	c5 17½	200	do	c10 50
200	do	b15 17½	200	do	c5 50
25	do	c5 17	25	Hudson River R. R.	21
10	N. Bed Consolidation	70	200	do	c5 21
50	Cleve. C. & Chi. R. R.	46	10	Mich. Southern R. R.	43
7	do	35½	45	do	43

SECOND BOARD.

$8,000	Virginia 6s	89½	50	Hicksn. Trans. Co	16½
1,000	Ch. R. R. Ind. R. R. B.	85	500	Harlem Railroad	23
2,000	Erie Income Bds	95	50	do	b30 23
2,000	do	b4 94	100	Cumberl'd Coal Co.	c5 25
14,000	do	c5 94	250	do	c30 25
1,000	Mor. 1st Mor. Bds	90	100	do	c5 25
8	Phenix Bank	108	50	do	c5 25
20	Nicaragua Transit Co	c5 17	100	do	b30 25
100	do	b60 17½	13	Erie Railroad	23
200	do	b30 17½	200	do	c5 23
100	do	b10 17	100	Reading Railroad	50

TUESDAY, Dec. 12—P. M.

The Weekly Bank Statement published this morning, which, by exhibiting no increase of Specie in the face of considerable receipts from California, and no Foreign exports, creates some discussion as to the source of the drain from this City; together with the frequently reported failures in mercantile business here and in Boston and Philadelphia, had a depressing influence on part of the Stock list to-day. The decline in the Speculative Railway Shares and Nicaragua Transit Stock, about 1 ⅌ cent. each, was most marked. The demand for some descriptions of Bonds was again fair, and large purchases of Erie Incomes, due in February, continue to be made for account of parties who are about to take an interest in the new loan of the Company to be awarded in January. The cash sales were at 94 to 94½ ⅌ cent. Illinois Central Bonds dropped off ½ ⅌ cent. Virginia State Stocks, which are less freely offered than last week, meet with purchasers at 89½ ⅌ cent. The transactions in Erie and New-York Central shares were not large at the decline. The short sellers in Central have partially supplied themselves with cash stock for delivery on Thursday, partly by purchases and partly by advancing the money to holders who are willing to lend their certificates in order to get the use, at a reasonable interest these hard times, of their market value. There was much inclination to press the sale of Nicaragua Transit Stock. This and the other California steam line feel the influence of the revulsion in the times upon their passenger trade. They do not compete with each other so formerly, in the day of semi-monthly sailing, and are said to get fair prices for what business they do, but the weekly trips are not encouraging, either to or from California. Adventurers are less able to bear the heavy cost of removal. The Nicaragua Stock closed at 16½ ⅌ cent. The nominal par is $100 on 80,000 shares; but the actual cost of the concern, $20 or less, as represented in their Steam line and transit privileges at Nicaragua. The shares of the Pacific Mail Company, actual par $1,000, are not dealt in at the Brokers' Board, but are occasionally sold at from $400 to $500, or 40 or 50 ⅌ cent. Hudson River shares are steady at 20½@21. The partial closing of the river by the cold weather of last week, enabled the Railroad to double its earnings, as compared with the corresponding nine or ten days of last year. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New-York and Erie Railroad this afternoon, the resignation of Mr. NELSON ROBINSON, a member of the Board, was tendered and accepted. Mr. R., we understand, to-day resumed his seat at the Brokers' Board.

The rates of Foreign Exchange for the packet of to-morrow were a little steadier to-day, and there was a fair request for favorite Bankers' names at 108½@108¾ on London. A good deal was done, too, in transient Bank and first-class mercantile bills at 107½ to 108, while there continued to be a liberal offering of Produce Exchange, with or without shipping documents, within the range of 106½@107½. The regular Importing trade appeared to be more in the market as buyers. The figures on the Continent were:

Paris	5.15 @5.20	Hamburg	35½@ 36½
Amsterdam	41 @ 41½	Antwerp	5.16½@5.18½
Frankfort	41½@ 41½	Berlin and Leipzig	
Bremen	78½@ 79	Ale	78½@ 79½

The Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia has transmitted to a Stock firm in this City—Messrs. MARIE & KANE, Continental Brokers—the following figures concerning the Debt of the State, which go to Europe by the packet to-morrow in the Circular of those gentlemen:

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Internal Improvement Loans	$21,924,176
Bank Loans	450,000
	$22,374,176
Or.	
Productive Six per Cent. Stocks	$10,268,440
Non-productive Works	16,607,322
	$26,875,762
Annual Revenue from Transportation, &c.	$2,018,900
Interest Fund for 1855	$1,202,455
Redemption or Sinking Fund	322,742
Surplus Revenue	493,203
	$2,018,900

A correspondent suggests that we have not alluded in this column to the Banking movement of the United States, as reported by the Treasury Department. This is a mistake. The tables were made up at Washington last Summer, and the separates were carefully examined and published in the TIMES soon after. But we now repeat them from the Secretary of the Treasury's report, viz:

BANKING MOVEMENT OF UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS.

	1852-3.	1853-4.
Number of Banks	579	1,208
Capital	$227,507,000	$261,756,000
Specie	43,671,000	59,461,000
Circulation	155,165,000	204,692,000
Deposits	126,507,000	199,198,000

Another of the small City Banks, the CENTRAL, was this afternoon suspended from the Association of Banks in the Clearing House. The exchanges of the Bank were made to this afternoon, but the Standing Committee of the Clearing House having been called to examine its condition, the result just stated was arrived at. The Capital Stock of the Central Bank is $300,000. The Stock securities at Albany, including the premiums, over $100,000 against an outstanding circulation of $83,000. The Bank was established only eighteen months or two years ago, under the Presidency of Mr. JOSEPH B. TAYLOR, formerly Comptroller in the City Government. The three Banks of the Association which have thus been lately suspended from the Clearing House, and whose affairs will be liquidated, reported as follows on the Official Averages of December 2. The first two were not in the Averages of December 9:

	Loans.	Specie.	Circulation.	Deposits.
Knickerbocker	$313,765	$3,295	$84,269	$114,745
Empire City	494,183	31,276	189,209	314,464
Central	264,196	21,964	85,569	198,728
Central, Dec. 9	301,379	22,465	83,752	186,240

The non-arrival of the United States steamer *Pacific* leads to the impressions that her day of sailing from Liverpool was changed from Wednesday, 29th November, to Saturday, Dec. 2, in which case she will not be due here until Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Mr. COLLINS, who is now at Washington, has obtained the leave of the Government to make the days of sailing from New-York, alternate Wednesdays, instead of alternate Saturdays] as at present, to make the inconvenience to the public as little as possible from the withdrawal of half the Cunard line. This will give a regular weekly packet between the two lines. The *Pacific* under this arrangement will return on Wednesday, Dec. 27, instead of Dec. 23. It is hoped that a Cunarder will be ready to sail from this port or Boston, Wednesday 20th.

The Sub-Treasury received to-day $82,-605; disbursed $52,596, and held at close $6,738,-241.

The Circular of Messrs. CAMMANN & Co. for their English correspondents, to go out by the *Africa* to-morrow, takes the following view of the existing condition of Money affairs on this side:

"Since our last report of 30th ult., the tone of the Stock Market, although still unsettled, has considerably improved. Prices have fluctuated frequently, but the general tendency is upward. The principal advance is in Erie Railroad Shares and Income Bonds, and it has been produced by the more encouraging prospect of the negotiation of the new Bonds. The general features of the Money Market are more encouraging. The continued decline in Foreign Exchanges, and the consequent cessation of Specie shipments, with the decreased imports of merchandise, warrant the hope that the financial embarrassments which have existed throughout the current year will shortly be removed. As business operations have been greatly reduced, the amount of capital required is comparatively limited, and the demand for Money must gradually decrease. Confidence, however, has been so much impaired, that it will probably be some time before it again becomes general. There is no change in the rates of interest. The supply of money on demand is rather increasing, and it is freely loaned on available securities, at 7 ⅌ cent. The demand for commercial paper is limited, and the best names cannot be discounted under 10@12 ⅌ cent. In consequence of the forced liquidation of the floating debts of Railroad Companies, but little of this class of paper appears in market, and, to effect a sale, high rates of discount have to be submitted to. There have been a number of failures among the small dealers, upon whom the pressure is now severe. The want of confidence in paper increases the amount of capital seeking investment in Stocks. The Bank panic in the Western States appears to have ceased, and the supply of State Stocks, from this source, is at the moment comparatively limited. The sales during the fortnight have been large, particularly of Virginia 6's, which declined to 89, but are again in demand at 89@90. A large part of these and other bonds held by the Banks must already have been realized, and many of them have been purchased as investments by citizens of the States in which they were issued. But a very small amount has been taken for foreign account."

To parties interested in American Stocks and business on the Continent, Messrs. DE COPPET & Co. write as follows:

Since our advices of the 5th instant, the decline in exchanges on Europe, the stoppage of specie shipments, the receipt of more than the usual amount of gold from California, the increasing prospects of the negotiation of the approaching Erie loan, and the rather smoother appearance of matters in the West, have imparted a more cheerful tone to our market. This tendency to improvement is, however, somewhat checked by the uncertainty as to further news from Europe, and also by the occurrence of failures of more or less importance, both here and in the neighboring cities, as well as by the weakness and irregularity shown by one of our City banks—to which, however, but little importance is attached.

The oscillations which our fancy stocks, as well as railroad stocks, have experienced during the week, have been gradually tending upwards. The advance on the prominent railroad stocks have been as follows—viz.: On Erie, 4 ⅌ cent.; on Hudson, 2½; on New-York Central, 5; on Reading, 1; on Michigan Central, 1½; on Cleveland, Columbia and Cincinnati, 1. The Erie Income Bonds have been in active demand, and close at a rise of 7 ⅌ cent. Illinois Central Bonds, on the other hand, remain heavy. With lesser quantities offered for sale, Virginia 6's have advanced 4 ⅌ cent., Indiana 5's 1½, and Missouri 6's 1 ⅌ cent.

We cannot notice any marked falling off in the demand for Money, nor in the rates it commands. Loans on demand, 7 ⅌ cent.; business paper, 10@12 ⅌ cent.; and long loans, 15@18 ⅌ cent., and even higher.

The excess of importation noticeable at the end of the fiscal year, as officially shown, has since materially diminished. This diminution is yet becoming more decided, as will be seen by comparing the amount of duties collected in the five principal ports—New-York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, and New-Orleans—in November, 1853 ..... $4,580,000
with those collected November, 1854 2,710,000
Decrease $1,870,000

This is one of the signs which must be welcomed as calculated most effectually to bring to an end our long existing financial difficulties.

Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Co. will hold their regular semi-weekly sale at Auction of Stocks and Bonds, on Wednesday, (to-morrow,) December 13, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

Two legal cases, of some financial interest, have just been decided in the Courts of this City. The first on a suit instituted by Mr. E. HOPKINS, to recover $500, deposited with Mr. S. DRAPER as security for a time contract to receive 200 shares of Harlem Stock at a given price. The deposit was made by a Dry Goods Clerk in the name of "E. HOPKINS," which was supposed by the other party to be his own name. The KYLE fraud and rapid depreciation of Harlem took place before the maturity of the contract. Mr. DRAPER did not establish that he had the Stock on hand when sold, and during the pendency of the contract, nor did he surrender any other principal than himself. The suit went against him. In the case, somewhat similar, two or three years ago, of Stapler vs. Gould, defendant established the fact that he was the Broker of plaintiff; had made known to him the seller of the Stock, on time, with whom, under the rules of the Brokers' Board, he had to make a full settlement of differences, and the restoration of plaintiff's deposit was denied by the Court. The other decision to which we refer, is a verdict of $2,000 obtained by Mr. GIBBONS, late Cashier of the Ocean Bank, against the Broadway Bank, for services and breach of promise in the incipient organization of the Bank. He sold out of the getters up of the concern, and by previous case to have been the first Cashier. He laid his damages at $10,000, and the Jury gave him the verdict just named.

The Revenues of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the year 1854, are:

From Ordinary Taxation	$1,610,000
Extraordinary Taxation and Licenses	1,700,000
Total Taxation	$3,300,000
The Interest on Public Debt	2,070,000
Applicable to other objects	1,294,000
Total	$3,300,000
Support of the Public Works cost	$2,304,000
Revenue from same	1,918,000
Total Deficit	$376,000

The Public Works of the Commonwealth, as represented by the State Debt, cost in various ways about $40,000,000. The main line of improvement has recently been offered for sale by the Legislature for not less than $10,000,000, without finding a bidder. Notwithstanding the fact that these costly works are an annual burden to the Commonwealth—not paying under partisan management the cost of their yearly support—it will be seen that the provisions made for the interest upon the debt incurred on their amount are quite ample, from taxation, licenses, privileges, &c., leaving a large balance to the support of the State Government, Common Schools, State Charities and the Sinking Fund, for the gradual liquidation of the principal of the debt. Unlike our own State, Pennsylvania has not been fortunate in the management and profits of her Canals, but it is creditable to her people that all necessary taxation to meet the interest on her large Public Debt is borne with cheerfulness.

Baker & Weeks sold this day, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Merchants' Exchange at 12 o'clock,
200 Shares Tradesmen's Bank, new stock 106
37 Shares Tradesmen's Bank, new stock 106¾

Connecticut Free Banks.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I refer you to a previous communication.

This morning, not unexpectedly, a requisition has been received from the Treasurer to deposit an additional 10 ⅌ cent., making 20 ⅌ cent. in all, on the *Virginia* Sixes—which is all right—but not one word about Hartford or other incorporated town or city loans.

Since 1st April there have been some new Free Banks started—what *their* basis is we are not informed—but the Bank Commissioners' report for 1st April last shows for the Free Banks then existing a basis as follows:

Mercantile Bank, Hartford—Capital $100,000.

Had Hartford City 6 ⅌ cents	$50,000

Charter Oak, Hartford—Capital $250,000.

Had Town of Hartford 6 ⅌ cents	$70,000
Hartford City 6 ⅌ cents	100,000

Hartford County Bank—Capital $400,000.

Had New-London 6 ⅌ cents	$31,000
New-Haven 6 ⅌ cents	1,000
Hartford City 6 ⅌ cents	100,000
Virginia 6 ⅌ cents	100,000

Bank New-England, Haddam—Capital $50,711.

Had City Hartford 6 ⅌ cents	$25,000
Virginia 6 ⅌ cents	15,000

Bank Commerce, New-London—Capital $300,000.

Had New-London 6 ⅌ cents	$44,000
Norwich 6 ⅌ cents	10,000
State of Maine	2,000
Kentucky	15,000
Virginia	15,000

Bank Litchfield County—Capital $97,000.

Had City Hartford 6 ⅌ cents	$75,000

Citizens' Bank, Waterbury—Capital $100,000.

Had Virginia 6 ⅌ cents	$25,000
Hartford City 6 ⅌ cents	5,000

Quinebaug Bank—Capital $500,000.

Had Virginia 6 ⅌ cents	$100,000
Hartford City 6 ⅌ cents	7,000
New-Haven City 6 ⅌ cents	37,500
Total	$144,500

Saugatuck Bank—Capital $100,000.

Had Kentucky 6 ⅌ cents	$22,300
Bridgeport 6 ⅌ cents	36,400

United Bank, Norwich—Norwich, Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio; particulars not given, $112,949.

These ten Banks thus, on 1st of April, had securities deposited with Treasurer of $1,008,549. Of which there were of

Hartford City Stocks	$302,000
Town of Hartford Stocks	70,000
Total	$432,000

Nearly one-half of the whole basis! Showing clearly enough the cause of the solicitude in Hartford to uphold the credit of their town and city. Easily enough understood when it is known that the same city has yet large loans to negotiate to complete her Public Works. In addition there are

New-Haven City 6 ⅌ Cents	$26,500
New-London 6 ⅌ Cents	75,000
Norwich 6 ⅌ Cents	10,000
Bridgeport 6 ⅌ Cents	36,400
Total	$150,900

besides such as may be held among the securities of the Union Bank, of which particulars are not stated by Commissioners.

Thus it will be seen, that at least six-tenths of the whole basis is of Town and City Loans, which, if brought to the hammer in consequence of refusal to pay notes issued upon them, would make sad havoc for the note holders, particularly so where, as in some instances, the issues have been disproportionately large for the capital of the Bank.

I do think that *justice* to the note holders requires that at least 20, if not 25 ⅌ cent. of such issues should be realized—else why so very particular about the Virginia Loan, which certainly sells as well, to say the least, as they would if forced upon the market.

As long as these Banks are able to redeem, it is all very well; but the law is intended to provide for an entirely opposite contingency; and in such an event it would quickly be ascertained that these loans, now so carefully nursed by these Banks, and by the State authorities at Hartford, would meet a very cold shoulder compared to the Virginia Bonds. NEW-HAVEN.

Weekly Statement of the New-Orleans Banks.

CASH ASSETS.

Banks.	Loans. Dec. 4.	Loans. Nov. 27.	Specie. Dec. 4.	Specie. Nov. 27.
Citizens' Bank	3,579,771	3,569,813	1,475,276	1,488,361
Canal Bank	2,713,652	2,700,120	665,237	659,235
Louisiana	2,412,223	2,402,361	1,305,243	1,295,230
Louisiana State	3,409,223	3,407,170	1,779,227	1,783,020
Mech. & Traders'	1,145,000	1,145,000	377,000	374,000
Bank of New-Orleans	935,228	1,135,457	238,268	198,193
Commercial Bank	432,242	428,323	148,792	154,343
Union Bank	1,657,000	677,363	344,420	330,240
Total	17,346,334	16,066,707	6,797,763	6,687,714
	Increase	$443,627	Increase	$70,365

CASH LIABILITIES.

Banks.	Circulation. Dec. 4.	Circulation. Nov. 27.	Deposits. Dec. 4.	Deposits. Nov. 27.
Citizens' Bank	1,603,345	1,606,950	2,131,590	2,139,443
Canal Bank	1,016,626	1,002,672	1,466,656	1,462,270
Louisiana	943,724	935,364	2,728,318	2,712,164
Louisiana State	1,864,720	1,863,310	3,366,278	2,107,098
Mech. & Traders'	488,000	488,000	1,272,000	1,272,000
B'k of N. Orleans	451,436	451,433	679,257	684,863
Commercial Bank	307,548	271,782	772,667	808,776
Union Bank	450,200	368,490	732,768	707,916
Total	$8,645,599	$8,025,230	12,948,541	11,692,566
	Increase	$116,070	Increase	$960,025

In addition to the foregoing Cash Assets, the Banks hold Foreign and Domestic Exchange to the extent of the respective figures opposite, as compared with last week:

	Dec. 4.	Nov. 27.
Bank of Louisiana	$472,346	$488,275
Canal Bank	722,194	647,552
Southern Bank	539,049	509,141
Louisiana State Bank		6,314
Mechanics' and Traders' Bank	49,457	48,492
Citizens' Bank	322,362	324,322
Bank of New-Orleans	331,403	324,622
Union Bank	331,350	331,437
Total	$2,767,699	$2,679,605

Sailing of Ocean Steamers.

Steamer	Leaves	For	Days.
Pacific	Liverpool	New-York	Nov. 29
Sarah Sands	Liverpool	Portland	Dec. 5
Washington	Southampton	New-York	Dec. 6
America	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 9
Atlantic	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 12
Africa	New-York	Liverpool	Dec. 13
Union	New-York	Havre	Dec. 16
Crescent City	New-York	Hav. and N. O.	Dec. 18
North Star	New-York	Aspinwall	Dec. 20
City of Manch'r	Liverpool	Philadelphia	Dec. 21
Asia	Liverpool	New-York	Dec. 22
Pacific	New-York	Liverpool	Dec. 27
America	Boston	Liverpool	Jan. 3

Passengers Sailed.

In steamship Star of the West, for Porto Arenas—Adams & Co.'s messenger, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, L. A. Williams, Mrs. M. T. Slocum and child, Mrs. E. Stitts, F. W. Redding, Mrs. R. S. Clemens, J. Brown, wife and 2 children, Miss Maria Jenkins, Mrs. Gillman, E. L. Daniel and wife, infant and servant, H. Harmon, E. F. Bullard and 3 children and servant, Miss Sarah Sandford, Charles Corr and wife, E. Ellis, Mrs. Sarah P. Wadsworth and wife, Mrs. Jas. Tobias, Mrs. Calk, Bank and infant, S. Hoar, F. W. Rogell, James Cook, Mrs. Anne Cook and 3 children, Miss S. Cook, Jas. Mitchell, Wm. Jones, R. Cochran, C. Mordecai, G. Corning, P. Harvey, Geo. Atchinson, Rev. Wm. Morse, J. L. Morris and wife, P. Wells, F. Kortzman, Rev. John Leech and children, Jas. Leech, E. Hagerman and wife, Mrs. Mary Gillman, Chas. Wise, R. W. Britton, M. Gold-smith, Wm. Smith, R. Rose, W. Crawford, C. Morris, John D. James and son, Thos. Dove, B. Edwards, B. Harris, E. B. Thomas, D. Cooper, Miss Fanny Garrison, Samuel Bishop, John White, R. Rowland, J. W. Sibley, Jas. Boyd, Jas. Williams, Thos. Williams, R. Johnson, Wm. Francis, J. Denny and wife, A. Crawford, Mrs. C. Oyster and 2 children, J. Pew and wife, D. D. Ferguson, J. Burgess, J. Palmer, J. Baxter, W. Smith, C. J. Wilson, M. Kane, J. Kane, H. Shakell, Mr. Spencer and 2 children, R. Walker, Jas. Carroll, H. Smith, Jas. Wheeler, J. Coy, J. F. Atherton, J. Pulsifer, R. Wyman, J. Y. Brown, Mrs. Dyer, Miss Dyer, John Dyer, Mrs. Jas. Lane, Jas. Lane, Jas. Lane, Jr., Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. R. R. Dorrit, J. Foley and wife, C. Bilton, W. B. Knight, O. Murray, Alex. Fraser, Rev. Jas. Stevens and 2 children, H. Rabe and wife, R. Barton, J. Conden, and others in the steerage.

Passengers Arrived.

By steamship Empire City, from Savannah—Dr. Barrett, Geo. M. Gordon, J. W. Jenkins, S. H. Ormsbee, C. H. Lathers, Miss A. H. Shelton, and 30 in the steerage.

In ship Henry Clay, from Liverpool—Mrs. Powell, of New-Orleans, Mrs. E. Cushman, of New-York; J. Johnston, of Australia, Mr. Collins.

MISCELLANEOUS ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises ..... 7 16 | Sun sets ..... 4 32 | Moon rises 8 46
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook ..... 1 46 | Gov. Island ..... 2 16 | Hell Gate 4 19

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF NEW-YORK...TUESDAY, DEC. 12.

Cleared.

Steamships Africa, (Br.,) Harrison, Liverpool, E. Cunard; State of the West, Turner, San Juan, C. Morgan.

Ships E. F. Austin, Clark, Galveston, J. H. Brewer & Co.; Albion, Williams, Liverpool, W. & J. B. Sturges & Co.; Alexandria, Cooper, Charleston, C. O. Duncan & Co.; Thornton, Collins, Liverpool, Williams & Guion.

Barks Gazelle, Dyer, Havana, Bunnell & Vining; Wealder, Baxter, Belize, F. Alexander.

Brigs Blossom, Lee (Br.,) Taylor, St. Johns, N. F., Gillespie Doss & Co.; Relief, Storey, Attakapas, Matthew, Talbot & Co.; Harriet Newell, Warren, Cuttyhunk, E. P. Buck & Co.; Uncas, Rae, Tonsa, Dale & Co.; Florence, Fickett, Nuevitas, Thos. Owen & Sons.

Schrs. Roanoke, Dinsmore, Rockport, Smith & Boynton; Emily, Manning, Wilmington, D. C., Freeman & Co.; Estrella, Longhurst, master; Hassell, Chickahominy, Va., Lamont, C. H. Pierson; Oregon, Post, Boston, Metcalfe & Lovejoy.

Arrived.

Steamship Southerner, Ewen, Charleston 60 hours, with mdse and passengers to Stoddard, Tileston & Co. Sunday, Dec. 10, at P. M., 15 miles N. of Cape Hatteras, exchanged signals with steamship Kansas, hence for Savannah, at 3 P. M., exchanged signals with steamship James Adger, hence for Charleston.

Steamship Augusta, Lyon, Savannah Dec. 9, with mdse. and passengers to S. L. Mitchill. 10th, at 12:40 P. M., Hatteras Light bearing N. W. by W. 15 miles distant, signalized steamship Knoxville; 11 P. M., signalized steamship Jas. Adger.

Ship Henry Clay, Caulkins, Liverpool Nov. 4, with mdse. and 376 passengers Spofford, Tileston & Co. Experience, heavy weather gales.

Ship Vicksburg, Hopper, New-Orleans Nov. 21, with mdse. to W. Nelson & Son.

Ship Oswego, Williams, New-Orleans 26 dis., with mdse. to W. Nelson & Son.

Ship Bladen, Ashby, Liverpool 37 dis., with coal and 37 passengers to Barstow & Pope.

Bark Richard Cobden, (Br.,) Bellcer, Bremen 48 dis., with 325 passengers to Pepper & Co.

Bark Clarence (Br.) Hillsgrowrie, Newcastle 62 dis., with coal to Barclay & Livingston, for Rio.

Barq Espoud, Boss, Havana Nov. 25, with sugar, cigars, &c., to F. V. King & Co.

Brig Velozz, Lockhart, Calais 20 dis., with lath to Simpson, Mayhew & Co.

Brig Rosara, Lawton, Rondout, with coal, for Boston.

Schr Helena, Grubbs, Wilmington 8 dis. with naval stores to McCready, Mott & Co. Off in co. with schrs. Marine and Henrietta Hallock, for New-York.

Schr. Rescuer, (Br.,) Gaudin, Monteviideo 36 dis., with hides, &c., to J. Grover.

Schr. Wm. Tyson, Lovell, Philadelphia, for Boston.

Schr. Wm. Gregory, Crockett, Rockland, with lime.

Schr. Julius Webb, Lovell, Rondout, with coal, bd. East.

Schr. Rubicon, ——, New-Haven.

Below.

Bark Rhoden, from Havre, and a Hamburg brig—by pilot-boat Elwood Walter.

Also, 2 ships and 2 barks, unknown.

Sailed.

Steamship Star of the West, for San Juan; ships Western Continent, Bentham, for San Francisco; Amazon, Hovey, London; Albion, for Liverpool.

WIND—During the day, W.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 12—Arr., ship Samuel Appleton, Calcutta 3 Aug 13, lat. St. Helena; bark Eagle's Wing, from Foo-Chow-foo, old, from St. Helena Oct. 23, for London. Spoken, no date, lat. 27 40 N., lon. 68 40 W., bark James Cook, from Surinam for Gloucester; Dec. 9, lat. 40, lon. 67 40, bark Rhone, of New-York, steering West.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 11—Arr., ships Redwood, Boston; Westmoreland, Lee (Br.,) Taylor, St. Johns, N. F.; barks David Kimball, Boston; Washington, Butcher, Phila.

Spoken, &c.

Nov. 19, lat. 42 40, lon. 16 01, fishing-schr. Ellen, of Marblehead, from Grand Bank for Marblehead.

Nov. 24, lat. 31 N., lon. 70 35, schr. East Wind, Lavender, from Boston for Genoives.

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